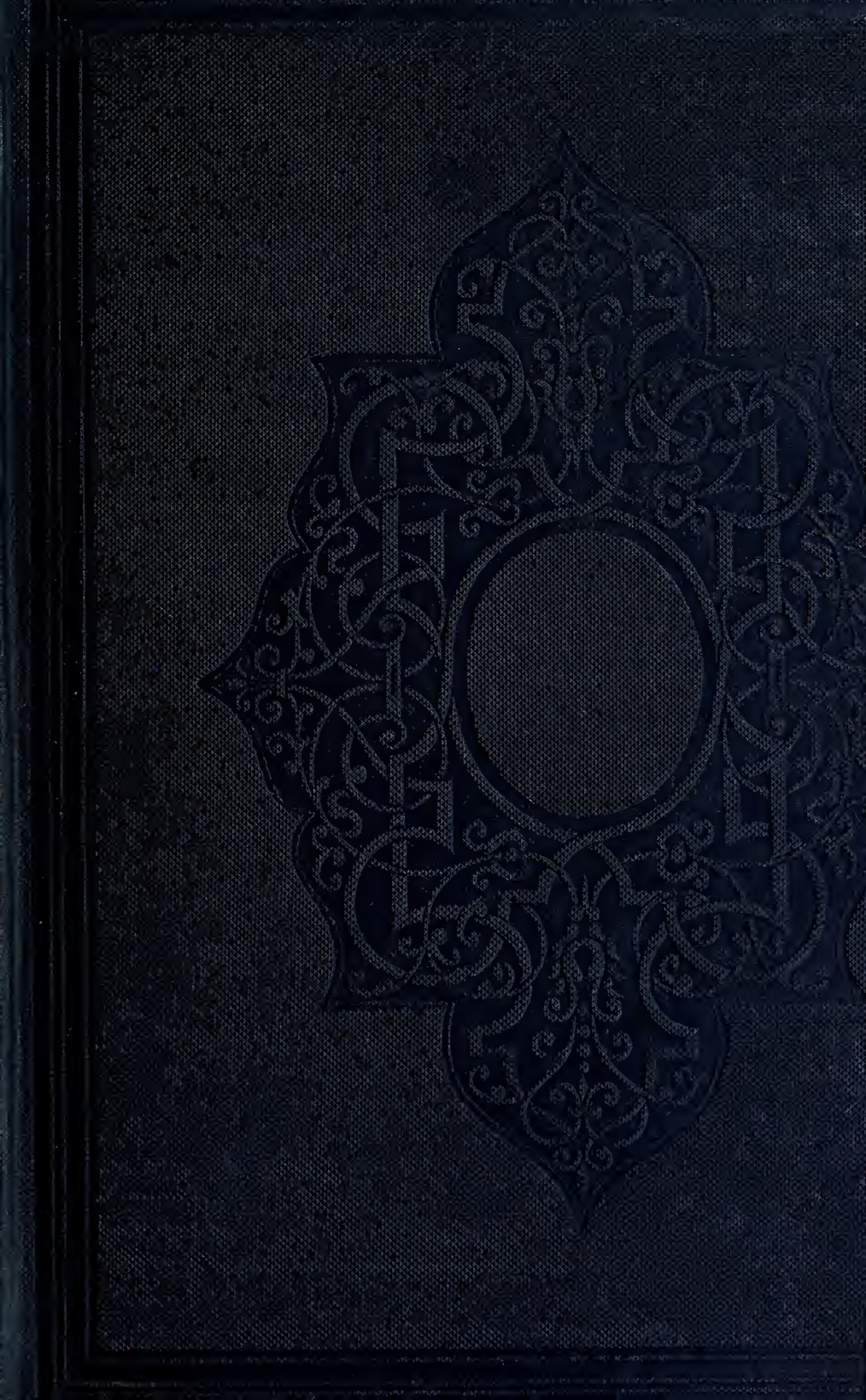

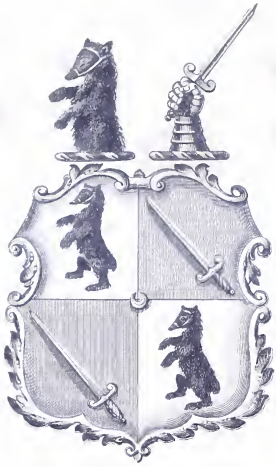

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PREFACE.

PRIOR to the dissolution of monasteries, the town of Bury St. Edmund's being exempt from the jurisdiction of the Bishop of Norwich, within whose diocese it was locally situate, the wills of the burgesses were proved before the Sacrist of the monastery of St. Edmund; but, on the passing of the Act 31 Hen. VIII. c. 13, confirming the surrender of religious houses to the king, the town became subject directly to the Bishop. Remaining, however, exempt from the jurisdiction of the Archdeacon, the episcopal authority was deputed to a Commissary, in whose court the wills of persons deceasing in Bury were proved till the year 1844, when, by an Order in Council issued under the powers of the Act 6 and 7 Will. IV. c. 77, the town was declared to form part of the Archdeaconry of Sudbury, which, in 1837, by Order in Council, had been taken from the diocese of Norwich and made part of that of Ely.

The registers of the Commissary and of the Archdeacon are preserved in one and the same court at Bury St. Edmund's. The "Bury Wills," proved before the Sacrist, commencing with the year 1354 and ending with 1566, are preserved in seven books, entitled—

Osberne . .	1354—1442	Hood . . .	1514—1530
Hawlee . . .	1443—1482	Hollond . .	1530—1540
Pye . . .	1491—1509	Sunday . .	1550—1566
Mason . . .	1510—1513		

Those known as "Country Wills," proved in the court of the Arch-

deacon, are contained in the following volumes (the first six of which have no indexes):—

Baldwyne	1439—1474	Buxton	1551—1553
Hervey	1473—1490	Woode	1552 & 1553
Fuller	1479—1525	Markes	1554 & 1555
Boner	1483—1517	More	1556
Newton	1517—1526	Dooe	1557
Johnson	1519—1528	Bell	1558
Kyrbycane	1500—1533	Sparrowe	1559
Brydon	1520—1527	Paynter	1560
Brett	1529—1538	Baker	1561
Longe *	1530—1540	Woode †	1562 & 1563
Poope	1537—1541	Arnolde	1564—1567
Colman	1541	Peade	1568 & 1569
Cole	1540—1550		

In the following books the wills of residents in Bury are registered with those of the archdeaconry:—

Aldrich	1570	Everston	1611—1613
Hum	1570 & 1571	Steven	1614 & 1615
Large	1572 & 1573	Legate	1616 & 1617
Wroo	1574—1578	Gibson	1618 & 1619
Browne	1579—1582	Harrold	1620—1623
Frende	1583—1585	Pearle	1624—1626
Bright	1586 & 1587	Mason	1627—1629
Goddard	1588—1590	Corner	1630
Bacon	1591—1594	Colman	1631—1635
Blomfield	1595—1597	Gael	1636—1638
Whiting	1598—1601	Muriell	1639—1642
Coppinge	1600—1605	Meadows	1643—1647
Strutt	1606—1608	Ashton, pars I.	1648—1652
Roger	1609—1611		

* This volume contains some Bury Wills.

† Wills of the years 1552 and 1553 are also registered in this book.

No entries are made between the years 1652 and 1660; which is thus accounted for in one of the indexes:—

"Cætera ab hoc anno desiderantur testamenta; cæpit jam Cromwelli vsurpatoris istius ambitio rabide sævire, cujus sub vexillo grassabantur vndiq; seditio, violentia, rebellio, sacrilegiū, Et (quod horrendum dictu est) **Regicidium**. Hinc sequuta sunt, confusio in ecclesia, in republica militum insolentia, in parochijs factio, in familijs Atheismus. Et plebs miserrima cum maximo suo damno et detrimento apud (nescio quæ tribunalia Londinensia) ad Cromwelli libitum, coacta est se sistere ad testamenta proband."

The Restoration of Charles the Second and the resumption of the registrar's duties is also entered.

"Tandem misertus est tribulac̃oum nostrarū Deus, et illuxit auspicatissim^{9} ille dies: vicesimus nonus Maij, anno incarnac̃ois Christi 1660:

"Quo die serenissimus noster **Rex Carolus Secundus** defensor fidei, assertor libertatis, postliminio redijt, cujus fælicissimo adventu et ecclesia religionem et ordinem suum, respublica leges et libertatem suam recuperavit: Et nos denuo ad officiū ñrum registrale cum Deo revertimus; Vnde licitum est sine timore sequestratorū, proditorū, regicidarū, seditiosorumq; homicidarū qui tam nefariè in hoc regno nuper sæviebant, et in contemptū eorū omniū in modum sequeñ subscribere.

"Gulielmus Colman
Nor^{ius} Pub^{cus} } Reg̃rarius."

To facilitate further researches into these registers it may be useful to give a list of the several towns and parishes within the archdeaconry of Sudbury:—

FORDHAM DEANERY—
Ashley with Silverly
Barton Mills
Brandon
Burwell
Cavenham
Chevely
Chippenham
Downham
Elden
Eriswell
Exning
Fordham
Heringswell
Icklingham St. James
Icklingham All Saints
Kennett
Kirtling
Lakenheath
Mildenhall
Newmarket St. Mary
Newmarket All Saints
Snailwell
Soham
Tuddenham
Wangford
Wicken
Wood Ditton
Worlington

THINGOE DEANERY—
Barrow
Brockley
Chevington
Flempton with Hengrave
Fornham All Saints
Hawstead
Hargrave
Horningsheath
Ickworth
Lackford
Nowton
Reed
Risby
Saxham, Great
Saxham, Little
Westley
Whepstead

BLACKBOURNE DEANERY—
Ashfield
Badwell Ash
Bardwell
Barnham St. Gregory and St. Martin
Barningham
Coney Weston
Culford
Elmeswell
Euston
Fakenham, Great
Fakenham, Little
Hepworth
Hinderclay
Honington
Hopton
Hunston
Ingham
Ixworth
Knettishall
Langham
Livermere, Little
Norton
Rickinghall Inferior
Sapistone
Stanton St. John
Stanton All Saints
Stowlangtoft
Thorpe by Ixworth
Thelnetham
Troston
Walsham le Willows
Wattisfield
Weston Mercate
Wordwell

THEDWASTREE DEANERY—
Ampton
Barton, Great
Beyton
Bradfield Combust
Bradfield St. George
Bradfield St. Clare
Drinkstone
Felsham
Fornham St. Geneveve
Fornham St. Martin
Gedding
Hesset
Livermere, Great
Pakenham
Rattlesden
Rougham
Rushbrooke
Stanningfield
Thurston
Timworth
Tostock
Westow
Whelnetham, Great
Whelnetham, Little
Woolpit

HARTISMERE DEANERY—
Aspall
Bacton
Braesworth
Broome
Burgate

Cotton
Eye
Finningham
Gislingham
Mellis
Mendlesham
Occold
Oakley, Great
Oakley, Little
Palgrave
Redlingfield [dale
Redgrave with Botes-
Rickinghall Superior
Rishangles
Stoke Ash
Sturston
Thornham, Great
Thornham, Little
Thorndon
Thrandistone
Thwaite
Westhorp
Wickhamskeith
Wetheringsett and Brockford
Wiverstone
Wortham Jarvase and Everard
Yaxley

Stow Deanery—
Buxhall
Combs
Creeting St. Peter
Creeting All Saints
Finborough, Great
Finborough, Little
Harleston
Haughley
Newton, Old
Onehouse
Shelland
Stowmarket
Stowupland
Wetherden

Sudbury Deanery—
Acton
Aldham
Alpheton
Assington
Bildestone
Boxford
Boxstead
Brettenham
Bures
Cavendish
Chelsworth
Chilton
Cockfield
Cornard, Great
Cornard, Little
Edwardstone
Elmsett
Ely Combust
Glemsford
Groton
Hartest
Hitcham
Kersey
Kettlebastone
Lavenham
Lawshall
Layham
Lindsey
Melford
Milden
Naughton
Nayland
Nedging
Newton by Sudbury
Polstead
Preston
Semere
Shimpling
Somerton
Stanstead
Stoke by Nayland
Sudbury St. Peter
Sudbury All Saints
Sudbury St. Gregory
Thorpe Morieux
Waldingfield, Great
Waldingfield, Little
Wattisham
Wattisfield
Wiston

Clare Deanery—
Barnardistone
Bradley, Great
Bradley, Little
Chedburgh
Clare
Cowlinge
Dalham
Depden
Denham
Denston
Gazely
Haverhill
Hawkedon
Hundon
Ketton
Kentford
Lidgate
Owsden
Poslingford
Stansfield
Stoke by Clare

Stradishall	Wickhambrook	Wratting, Great
Thurlow, Great	Withersfield	Wratting, Little
Thurlow, Little	Wixoe	

N.B. The two parishes in Bury St. Edmund's are peculiar to the Commissary of the said archdeaconry.

The selection of wills forming the present volume has been made more with a view to illustrate the peculiar customs and language of the period than the topology or genealogy of the district.

To the late and present Deputy Registrars of the Court—P. J. Case, Esq. John Greene, Esq. and Charles Wodehouse, Esq. the Camden Society is especially indebted for permitting the Editor to have the freest access to the registers under their care, and for allowing the transcripts to be made.

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Bury St. Edmund's, July 30, 1850.

WILLS

FROM THE COURT OF

THE COMMISSARY OF BURY ST. EDMUND'S, &c.

Ada de Stanton Capellanus.—1370.

Inventar̃ q^{o}rūdā bonoꝝ dñi Ade de Stanton capeƚƚni tempe dñi Joħnis de Lauenh^{a}m Sacriste Monasꝺij sc̃i Edm̃i in festo Apłoꝝ Philippi et Jacobi A^{o} dñi M^{mo} ccc^{mo} lxx^{mo}.

In p^{i}mis in pecunia vj s̃. viij đ. et j. sigiƚƚ arg̃ pret̃ ij s̃.

It̃ iij oƚƚ er̃ et j. posnet pret̃ xj s̃. vj đ.

It̃m in pateƚƚ xxij đ. oƀ.

It̃ peluĩ rotunđ cū lauator̃ xviij đ.

It̃ in instrumēt̃ ferr̃ vj s̃. vij đ. et vj đ.

In vasis de pewtre debiƚ iiij s̃. ij đ.

It̃ de vt̃ēsilibꝫ ligneis iiij s̃. vij đ.

It̃ j. portiforiū x s̃.

It̃ vn⁹ liƀ de lege ꝺr̃ et j. par statutoꝝ et j. liƀ de romaūces.

It̃ j. cinctoriū cū bursa et culteƚƚ v s̃.

It̃ j. par culteƚƚ ꝑ mensa xij đ.

It̃ j. sella cū freno et calcar̃ iij s̃.

It̃ de vestim̃tꝭ lineis et laneis xxviij s̃. viij đ. et xij đ.

It̃ de cistis et forsar̃ vj s̃. ij đ.

S^{u}m^{a} iiij ƚi. xv s̃. ij đ.

M^{d} q^{d} omĩa sup^{a}scripta sūt liƀata ꝑ p̊ceptū dñi Joħis de Lauenh^{a}m Sacriste Moñij sc̃i Eđi Joħni Purchas de Verdewell ad opus Henricj filij et heređ Henricj Aunger de Stanton. Et vna ꝑs hui⁹ bille indentata remanet penes p̊fatū dñm Sacristā et altera pars penes p̊dc̃m Joħ Purchas. [Lib. Osbern, f. 34.]

Agnes Stubbard de Bury.—1418.

In dei noĩe Amen. Ego Agnes Stubbard de Bury sc̃i Eđi sana mente et bona memoria existens apud Bury p̊dict̃ die Saƀƀi ꝑx° post fm̃ sc̃i Ambrosij anno dñi Miłłmo cccc^mo decimo octavo condo testa^tu meū in hunc modū. In p^imꝭ lego aĩam meã deo om̃ipotenti beate Marie Virgini et om̃ibꝫ sc̃is corp^ꝰ qꝫ meū eccłiastice sepultur̃. It̃m lego sūmo altari eccłie beate Marie Virginis de Bury p̊dict̃ ꝑ decimis et oblac̃oibꝫ meis oblitꝭ seu minime ꝑsolutꝭ et ꝑ salute aĩe mee xl s̃. It̃m lego capełłno beate Marie in eađm eccłia ij s̃. It̃ lego cuiłt cłico ꝑocħ eiusđm eccłie viij đ. It̃ sacrẽ eiusđ eccłie vj đ. It̃ lego dõpno Ade Lester monacho de Bury p̊dict̃ vj s̃. viij đ. It̃ lego dõpno Thome Geddyng monacho de eađm viłł iij s̃. iiij đ. It̃m lego duobꝫ capełłis gilde de dusꝫe videłt dño Jacobo et dño Walt̊o Browster vtriq̧ illoꝝ iij s̃. iiij đ. reliquis v° capełłis eiusđm gilde cuiłt eoꝝ ij s̃. It̃ lego Ric̃o Baxster capełłno v łi. annuatĩ septẽ annis ad celeb^ꝛndū ꝑ aĩa mea. It̃ dño Joħi Wat̃ capełło vj s̃. viij đ. Item lego frĩbꝫ minoribꝫ de Babewełł xl s̃. Item lego Wiłło Tompston fr̃i eiusđm ordinis v marc' ꝑ vno anno ad celeb^ꝛndū ꝑ aĩa mea. It̃ lego Michaeli Manston fr̃i eiusđ ordinis vj s̃. viij đ. It̃ lego Henr̃ Hawle fr̃i ordinis carmelitaꝝ de Gybwico vj s̃. viij đ. It̃ lego cuiłt moniali de Thetford xx đ. et p^iorisse ij s̃. It̃ lego cuiłt moniali de Bungeye xij đ. et dñe Margaret̃ Haůlond ij s̃. It̃ leg' cuiłt moniali de Ikelyngton xij đ. et dñe Alic̃ Perye ij s̃. It̃ leg' cuiłt moniali de Hedyngh^am xij đ. It̃ leg' vtroq̧ ordini fr̃m de Thetford x s̃. It̃m lego fr̃ibꝫ p̊dicatoribꝫ de Sudbury x s̃. It̃ lego fr̃ibꝫ Augustinens̃ de Clar̃ x s̃. It̃ leg' Joħi Peyton cleric̃ exhibicõnē suā exceptꝭ ꝑficuis que sibi dant^ꝛ ex capella sc̃e Margaret̃ vsq̧ sit etatis viginti quatuor annoꝝ et q^d celebret ꝑ aĩa mea p^imo anno q° fu^ꝰit sacerdos si vero fu^ꝰit sacerdos infra illã etatē volo q^d ħeat exhibicõm suã vsq̧ sit p̊sbr̃ et q^d tūc p^imo anno sui p̊sbit̊at̃ celebret ꝑ aĩa mea. Ita q^d sit guƀnat^ꝰ scđm rac̃onabilẽ disposicõm executorũ. It̃ lego Joħi Burre paupi iij s̃. iiij đ. It̃ leg' Agnet̃ Sadeler iij s̃. iiij đ. It̃ lego Margaret̃

Blake iij s̃. iiij đ. Iť leg' cuiłt capełłno ad exequias mei p̃senciałr existenti vj đ. Residuū vero oĩm bonoꝝ meoꝝ mobiliū et īmobiliū catalloꝝ et debitoꝝ meoꝝ quorūcūqꝫ cōmitto disposic̃oi executoꝝ meoꝝ. Hui⁹ autē testam̃ti mei meos ordino facio et ꝯstituo executores dilc̃os michi in xp̃o Rogerū Lester̃ Ric̃m Baxster capełłn et Walꝑū Bon de Bury p̃dicť vt ip̃i Deũ p̃ oculis ħntes hanc vltimã voluntatē meã fidełr exequant^ꝝ Et leg' cuibꝫ executoꝝ meoꝝ ꝑ labor̃ suo xx s̃. In cui⁹ rei testĩoniū huic p̃senti testa^to sigillū meū apposui. Dať loco die et anno sup^ꝝ dictꝑ.

Hec est vltima voluntas mei Agnetꝑ Stubbard de Bury sc̃i Eđi facť die sabb̃i ꝑx̃ ante festū sc̃i Georgij M^ꝝ ris anno r̃ r̃ Henr̃ q^inti post cōq̃m octauo. In p^imis assigno Ric̃o Baxster capełł j. vestimenť videłt j. casula j. alba j. amicꝑ j. stol j. fanoñ j. zona j. corꝑale cū cooꝑtorio ij pañ liñ suꝑ altar̃ j. suꝑaltar̃ ꝑuū j. pec̃ argenť j. antiq^ꝝm murr̃ et ij. vel iij. vnc̃ argenť si indigeat ad faciend̃ bonū calicē. Iť eiđ Ric̃o opť pec̃ argenť j. ꝑuã murr̃ j. mensa opť et opť scabella que vult eliger̃ Ita q^d Joħes Peyton capełł post obiť p̃dc̃i Ric̃i ħeat om̃ia ista p̃dicť Iť assigno eiđ Ric̃o ij. acr̃ terr̃ iacenť ap^d Stanewelle bregg vj coclear̃ argenť j. peluim cū j. lauac^o j. candelabr̃ j. salsar̃ dĩ garnyssh de vas' peutr̃ j. ollã erꝑ j. vrcioł j. patellã j. mappā j. manuꝑgiū iij. puluinar̃ j. cooꝑtor̃ j. tester j. par lintħ j. doseyn panni camelini j. celo^r cũ iij. redeł j. lecť de plumis pannū ꝑ nig^a tog̃ et capic̃. Iť assigno p̃dicť Joħi Peyton j. cooꝑtor̃ j. tester j. par lintħ ij. blanketꝑ j. culcitr̃ opť j. peluim cū j. lauac^o j. candelabrꝑ j. salsar̃ j. mappa j. manuꝑgiū iij. puluinar̃ j. olla enea j. vrcioł j. zona argenť j. longa et stricť theca ligať ferro j. patełł xx łi. ꝑ iiij. annis ad celeband̃ ꝑ aīa mea ad continuand̃ scoł et vj s̃. viij đ. ꝑ temꝑibꝫ vacac̃ ꝑ expens̃ vij. vlñ de panno blod ꝑ tog̃ et opť furrur̃ et volo q^d illa tog̃ bene et complete fiat de expñsꝑ meis. Iť pannū ꝑ nig^a tog̃ et capicio. Iť assigno Sibiłł Chekyneye ꝯuienť mee j. cooꝑtor̃ j. blanket̃ j. par lintħ j. par de wollecomb̃ j. kembyngstok j. roť j. par de cardꝑ j. olla enea j. vrcioł j. patełł j. furrur̃ de pełł cuniculoꝝ j. pelūi ꝯcaū j. candelabr̃ j. theca ligať ferro j. par libraꝝ cū om̃ibꝫ pon-

doribȝ plūbeis vno excepto videłt optĩo j. camisiā j. flameoł j. purpeynt iiij. ston de peior̃ lana xl s̃. et pannũ ꝑ nig^{a} tog̃. Iṫ assigno Margareṫ Tompston ꝯuienṫ mee j. cooꝑtor̃ j. blankeṫ j. par lintħ j. par de wollecomƀ j. kembyngstok j. roṫ j. par de cardꝭ j. olla enea j. vrcioł j. patełł j. candelabr̃ j. camis̃ j. flameoł iiij. ston de peior̃ lana xx s̃. et pannū ꝑ nig^{a} tog̃ et volo q^{d} om̃ia vasa peutr̃ exceptṫ iłł que ꝯdicṫ Ric̃ Baxster ħebit diuidant^{ꝯ} inꝯ ꝯdicṫ Joħni Peyton Sybiłł Chekeyneye Margaret Tompston et q^{d} om̃ia alia vtensilia mea que nõ specificant^{ꝯ} in isṫ voluntate diuidant^{ꝯ} inꝯ ꝯdc̃m Ric̃m Baxster̃ Joħm Peynton (*sic*) Sibiłł et Margareṫ ꝯuienṫ meas. Ita q^{d} de om̃i secta dict^{ꝯ} Ric̃us p^{i}mo eligat et ꝑxĩo đcus Joħs deinde Sybiłł et tūc Margareṫ. Iṫ assigno Agneṫ ꝯuienti mee j. cooꝑtor̃ ij. blanketꝭ ij. par lintħ xxvj s̃. viij đ. et pannū de albo russet ꝑ tunica et j. camis̃. Iṫ Alicie vxori Rogeri Lester j. par ꝯcū de argenṫ cū j. monili. Iṫ Amye Irmonger j. magnã archã j. purpeynt et j. par libraꝝ pendenṫ in aula mea et meū maxi^{m} ponđ plūbeū. Iṫ assigno Alic̃ vxori Joħis Tye j. chafo^{r} ita q^{d} post eius obiṫ Amya filia ei^{ꝯ} ħeat iđ chafo^{r}. Iṫm Joħi Yoxford de Botlysh^{a}m xx s̃. Iṫm Thome fił eiusđ Joħis vj s̃. viij đ. Iṫ Issabełł fił eiusđm Joħis j. cooꝑtoriū j. blanket j. par lintħ j. par de wollecomƀ j. roṫ et j. par de cardꝭ. Iṫ Margareṫ fił eiusđ Joħis j. lecṫ competenṫ pannū de albo russet ꝑ tunica j. camis̃ et xiij s̃. iiij đ. Iṫ Joħi Tompston Taylo^{r} ij. doseyn pãni cameł̄i et pãnū ꝑ nig^{a} tog̃. Iṫ Alic̃ vxor̃ eiusđm Joħis pãnū ꝑ nig^{a} toga et j. viriđ capic̃. Iṫ Roƀto fił eiusđ Joħis vj s̃. viij đ. Iṫ Alic̃ vxori Walꝯi Bon opṫ zona argentaṫ j. cella j. frenũ. Iṫ Alic̃ fił dc̃i Walꝯi Bon vj s̃. viij đ. et opti^{m} flameoł de coton. Iṫ Wiłłmo Stubbard de Wykh^{a}mbrok j. pec̃ argenṫ j. mappã vj. coclear̃ argenṫ et j. cooꝑtor̃ lecti de pełł cunicłoꝝ. Iṫ Eđo fił eiusđ Wiłłi iij s̃. iiij đ. Iṫ Wiłło Blood xiij s̃. iiij đ. Iṫ Kaꝯine [? uxor̃] ei^{ꝯ}đm Wiłłi j. lamina ferr̃ opti^{m} collobiū opti^{m} capic̃ et j. log̃ candelabr̃ ferr̃. Iṫ Alic̃ Watton j. par ꝯcū de aumƀ. Iṫ Matilđ Hurlebatṫ opṫ violetṫ tog̃ furraṫ et j. scarlet capic̃. Iṫ Agneṫ Swanton j. ollã eneã. Iṫ Margareṫ Blake j. tunic̃ j. camis̃ et j. flameoł. Iṫ Joħne West pãnū ꝑ nig^{a} tog̃ j. camis̃ j. flameoł j. busseł frumenṫ

et j. q^a^rt̃ de bacon. It̃ Helene Cobold j. violett̃ tog̃ j. camis̃ j. flameoł j. candelabr̃ j. bȝ frument̃ et j. q^a^rt̃ de bacon. It̃ Emme Golle j. collobiū russet̃ j. tog̃ russet̃ dupplicat̃ et j. capic̃ blodꝑ. It̃ Ade Ewell gardian° fr̃m minoꝝ de Babewełł j. nouū habit̃. It̃ Joħi Tompston frĩ eiusđm conuent⁹ j. nouū habit̃. It̃ cuiłt moniali de Cantabrig̃ xij đ. et priorisse ij s̃. It̃ Wiłłmo Wryghte de Qwepstede vj s̃. viij đ. de bonis que dȝ michi. It̃ lazarꝑ ext^a^ le Rysbygate iij s̃. iiij đ. It̃ dom̃pno Joħi Bon xx s̃. It̃ Rog⁹o Irby capełł vj s̃. viij đ. Joħi Redg^a^ue capełł vj s̃. viij đ. It̃ Margaret̃ fił Godard de Dunstall xiij s̃. iiij đ. It̃ Joħi Merymowth vj s̃. viij đ. It̃ Nicħo Cokerel vj s̃. viij đ. It̃ Stepħno fił Joħis Breggꝑ iij s̃. iiij đ. It̃ Helene Kek ꝯuient̃ Walt̃i Bon iij s̃. iiij đ. It̃ Ric̃o Elueden iij s̃. iiij đ. It̃m Joħi P'sely iij s̃. iiij đ. It̃ Joħi Rakis iij s̃. iiij đ. It̃ Joħi Wollebeter iij s̃. iiij đ. It̃ Joħi Baxster j. vaccā. It̃ Rog⁹o Schaldeford j. comƀ brasij. It̃ Wiłło Goodchep j. comƀ brasij. It̃ Joħi Rokker juñ j. comƀ brasij. It̃ Roƀto Fuller j. comƀ brasij. It̃ Matild pryst j. comƀ brasij. It̃ Kat̃ine Newehawe j. comƀ brasij. It̃ fił eiusđ Kat̃ j. comƀ brasij. It̃ Alano Fuller de Stowe j. comƀ brasij. It̃ Roƀto Stubbard fuller j. comƀ brasij. It̃ Joħi Co fuller j. comƀ brasij. It̃ cuiłt filiole mee cui nomē est Agnes ij. comƀ brasij et cuiłt alt̃i filioloꝝ meoꝝ non ħnti illud nomē j. comƀ brasij. It̃ Margaret̃ Gemetrye xij đ. It̃ Margaret̃ cū mag^a^ tibia xij đ. It̃ Matilđ Botr̃ xij đ. et j. comƀ brasij. It̃m Kat̃ine Derh^a^m xij đ. It̃m Johanne Thruston xij đ.

[Lib. Osbern, f. 157^b^.]

Joħes Notyngh^a^m de Bury, grocer.—1437.

In Dei noīe Amen. Ego Joħes Notyngh^a^m de Bury sc̃i Eđi grocer sana mente ac bona memoria existens ap^d^ Bury p̃dc̃am xx^mo^ die mensꝑ Martij anno dñi Miłłm° cccc^mo^. xxxvij°. condo testm̃ meū in hūc modū. In p^i^mis lego aĩam meã Deo õipotenti ƀe Marie Virgini et oĩbȝ sc̃is corp⁹ ꝗ meū eccłiastic̃ sepultur̃. It̃m lego sūmo altari eccłie ƀe Marie viłł p̃dc̃e ꝑ dec̃is et oblac̃ meis

oblitꝭ seu minime ꝑsolutꝭ xl s̃. Ite̅m lego conuentui de sc̃o Eđo quat̾ marc̃ ad duas pittanc̃ inde ħenđ vnā scilt die sepultur̃ mee et alt̾am p^i^mo anniu̾sario die ꝑ me obseruanđ. Ite̅m lego capełło ꝑocħ dc̃e eccłie ƀe Marie iij s̃. iiij đ. Ite̅m lego capełło qui dicit^r^ Seyntemarypriest in eađ eccłia iij s̃. iiij đ. Ite̅m lego cuiłt p̃sbit̾o p^i^mꝭ exequijs meis int̾essenti viij đ. Ite̅m lego cler̃ meo ꝑocħ viij đ. et vtriq; duoꝝ socioꝝ suoꝝ iiij đ. Ite̅m lego frībȝ de Babwełł xxvj s̃. viij đ. Et lego frībȝ p̃dicator̃ de Thetford xx s̃. Ite̅m frībȝ August̃ de eađm villa xiij s̃. iiij đ. It̾ lego Joħe Bonafaunt moniali de Thetford iij s̃. iiij đ. et cuiłt soroꝝ suaꝝi ƀm xx đ. Ite̅m lego fr̃i meo Henr̃ Notyngh^a^m monacho xx s̃. et zonam meā optimā. Ite̅m volo q^d^ vn^9^ capełłs ydone^9^ sustentet^ꝰ^ ad celebranđ ꝑ aīa mea et aĩabȝ quibȝ teneor in eccłia ꝑocħi p̃dict̃ ꝑ quatuor anñ continuos. Ite̅m lego Joħe Jerveys filie mee xl. marc̃ in octo anñ post obitū meū ꝑ man^9^ exec̃ meoꝝ sibi soluenđ scilt quołt anno t̾mini illi^9^ v. marc. Ite̅m lego Isabełł et Joħe filiabȝ p̃dc̃e Joħe filie mee xl marc̃ int̾ eas equałr diuidenđ et soluenđ q^a^mcito fu̾int maritate aut cū ip̃e tał etatꝭ discrec̃ois et liƀtat̾ fu̾int q^d^ ip̃am pecuniam sciant et valeant sagacit̾ appruar̃. Et volo q^d^ si contingat alt̾am eaꝝđm Isabełł et Joħe filiaꝝ Joħe obire ꝑtic̃oe dc̃e pecunie non facta tūc summa xl marc̃ p^9^dc̃aꝝ eaꝝ alt̾i ad tẽpus supi^9^ limitat̃ totalit̾ ꝑsoluat̾ volo tñ q^d^ si ip̃e ambe filie Joħe ante hm̃oi tẽpus solucoīs faciend̄ morian̾t extūc xl marc̃ ille ꝑ meos executores disponant^a^ ꝑ aīa mea in oꝑibȝ pietatꝭ. Ite̅m volo q^d^ q^a^mdiu Joħes Jerveys de Bury beneuolus intendens consulens et auxilians fu^9^it executoribȝ meis ꝑut decet non inferens nec inferri ꝑcurans eis nec eoꝝ alicui iniuriã molestiã impedimentū neqȝ grauamen quin meū p̃sens testm̃ et meã voluntatem fact̃ seu faciend̄ liƀe et quiete exequi valeant et implere, aceciã talit̾ se ħu̾it penes Joħam vxorem suã ꝑut vir honest^9^ et moderat^9^ vxori sue fideli honeste se ħere tenet̾, tamdiu exec̃ mei respectuabūt eunđm Joħem Jerveys de soluendo eis illas centū et quadraginta marcas quas ip̃e michi debet. Ite̅m lego ad constructurã duoꝝ portic̃ ad eccłiam ƀe Marie sup^a^dict̾ scilt in lat̾e australi et capite occiđ eiusđm faciend̄

xx libras. Iť̃m lego ad nouū vestimentū integr̃ emend sūmo altari eiusdʒ eccl̃ie seruitu̇r̃ xx^{li}. Iť̃m volo q^{d} vn^{o} calix bon^{o} et vnū vestimentū nouū pquirent^{r} ad seruiend altari sc̃i Jacobi in dc̃a eccl̃ia b̃e Marie. Iť̃m lego ad adquisic̃oem noue ymag̃is sc̃i Joh̃is Bapt̃e locande ꝑpe sūmū altar̃ eccl̃ie sc̃i Jacobi dc̃e ville v marc̃. Iť̃m lego ad adquisic̃oem noui vestimenti ꝰuituri eccl̃ie ꝑoch̃ de Soh^{m}m x marc̃. Iť̃m lego fabric̃ eccl̃ie de Wyken xl^{s}. Iť̃m lego dño Thome Conysby capell̃o xx s̃. et calic̃e meū, missale meū, psalt̃iū meū, meū albū vestimentū et ce^{l}a ornamenta mea ꝑ altari. Iť̃m lego dño Thome Petyte cleric̃ xx s̃. Et dño Joh̃i Wodward cler' xx s̃. Et dño Joh̃i Petyte cler' vj s̃. viij d̃. Et lego Joh̃i Wyrmegeye xiij s̃. iiij d̃. Et lego Elene Lowene vj s̃. viij d̃. Et Margar' Wellys vj s̃. viij d̃. Et Joh̃e Aleyn xiij s̃. iiij d̃. j. spynnyngwhel et j. par carpsaʒ. Iť̃m volo q^{d} die in^{l}amenti mei pau̇pes quiqʒ recrean^{l} et quilt recreat^{o} h̃eat vnū den^{o}. Residuū ꝺo oī̃m bonoʒ su̇pi^{o} nō legat̃ do et lego executor̃ meis inferi^{o} noīatę et eoʒ assigñ ad vendend et denarios inde leuat̃ disponendʒ ꝑ aīabʒ mei et dic̃t Isabell̃ et ꝑ aīabʒ oī̃m ꝑentū et ꝺnfac^{l} nr̃oʒ ac oīm fideliū defūc̃t in sustentac̃oe ꝰsbi^{l}oʒ visitac̃oe et releuac̃oe paupū et alioʒ pietatę opū ꝑut ip̃i viderint aīabʒ nr̃is salubri^{o} expedire. Hui^{o} autē testī mei meos constituo executores Thomã Cranewys capell̃nū Will̃m Rycher et Will̃m Basse et lego cuilt eoʒ ꝑ suo labor̃ xl s̃. In cui^{o} rei testī ōiū huic testō meo sigillū meū apposui. Dat̃ loco die et anno sup^{a}dictę. Omnibʒ xp̃i fidelibʒ ad quoʒ noticiam ꝰsens scriptū ꝑuen^{l}it Joh̃es Notyngh^{a}m de Bury scī Edi grocer salltm̃ in ī̃m saluator̃. Cum nu̇p feoffau^{l}im^{o} Will̃m Rycher, Joh̃em Odeh^{a}m, Will̃m Basse, Will̃m Ampe, Thomam Hert et Thomã Bienge de Bury ꝰdc̃a de et in oībʒ terris et ten̄ meis reddit^{o} et seruic̃ cū eoʒ ꝑtin̄ que die dat^{o} cui^{o}dam carte su̇p hoc confect̃ h̃ui in villa et camꝑ de Bury ꝰdc̃a et alibi in com. Suff. ad exequend et ꝑimplend inde meam vltīam voluntatē nou^{l}itis q^{d} hec est mea mera voluntas su̇p disposic̃oe ter̃ ten̄ redd et servic̃ ꝑdc̃oʒ facienda ꝑ bonam deliberac̃oem aduisata que subsequit^{r} videlt q^{d} ꝰfati feoffati mei infra vnū annū post obitū meū feoffari faciant Johannā Jerveys

filiam meã de toto mesuagio meo quod inħito cū ꝑtiñ suis excepta tota ꝑte mesuag' illi⁹ cū ꝑtiñ que dicit^a Seynt Roberdꝭ quod quiđm mes' sit̄ est̄ in vico vocat̄ tħ Spycerowe int̄ teñ conuent⁹ de sc̄o Eđo ex ꝑte orientꝭ et teñ Joħis Baret ex ꝑte occiđ, aceciam de vno mesuag' cū ꝑtiñ sit̄ in eađm villa in vico vocat̄ tħ Pult̄y market quod nuꝑ fuit Walt̄i Drawesuerd, necnon de quađ g^a ng̃ cū gardīo adiac̄ et alijs ꝑtiñ suis sit̄ in eađ villa in vico voc̄ Lyttelbrakelond vna cū quinqȝ solidat̄ quiet̄ reddit⁹ exeunt̄ de mes' nuꝑ Rog̃i Fysche Sout̄e sit̄ in eađ villa in vico voc̄ tħ Ratunrowe ħenđ et tenenđ p̄dc̄a duo mesuag' grangia gardiñ et reddit̄ cū oĩbȝ et singłis suis ꝑtiñ exceptꝭ inde suꝑi⁹ exceptꝭ eiđm Joħe filie mee ad totã vitã suam Et q^d post decessū ip̄ius Johanne dc̄i feoffati mei feoffabūt Isabellam et Johannā filias dc̄e Joħe filie mee vna cū oībȝ ał filijs et filiabȝ eiusđ Joħe filie mee int̄im lĩe ꝑcreandis in feodo simplici de et in p̄dc̄is duobȝ mes' g^a ng' gardīo et redditu cū eoꝝ ꝑtiñ ext' p^i⁹exceptꝭ cū ip̄i filij et filie dc̄am suā matrē suꝑuiuentes ad lĩam ꝑuen̄unt etatē reseruantes oēs ꝑuent⁹ inde ad comodū et vsū filioꝝ et filiaꝝ. Et volo q^d si nulla ꝑles dc̄e Joħe filie mee ip̄am Joħam suꝑuiuent̄ ad ħam etatẽ ꝑuenire videat̄ tūc dc̄i feoffati vel eoꝝ heređ seu assign' dc̄a duo mes̃ grang̃ gardiñ et redditū cū eoꝝ ꝑtiñ vendant et pecuniā inde leuatam pro aīa mea et aīabȝ amicoꝝ meoꝝ ac oīm fideliũ defūct̄ ꝑ man⁹ meoꝝ execut̄ disponi faciant. Volo tamen q^d si Joħes Jerveys vir dc̄e Joħe filie mee eanđm Johannam feoffari faciat de et in toto man⁹io voc̄ Suttons in Cokefeld et alibi in com̃ Suff. ꝑ t̄mīo vite sue tūc p̄dc̄i feoffati mei faciant eunđm Joħem Jerveys ħere statũ ꝑ t̄mīo vite sue de dc̄is duobȝ mes' grang' gardīo et redditu cū ꝑtiñ suis ext' p^i⁹ ext'. P⁹t̄ea volo q^d qñcumq; p̄fatus Joħes Jerveys inuen⁹it executoribȝ meis ełem securitatē de soluendo eis viginti libras in quatuor annis ꝑx̃ sequent̄ die obit⁹ mei scił̄t quoł̄t anno centũ solidos ad duos anni t̄mīos qualem ijđm exec̄ ꝑ aduisū sui consilij censerint esse sufficientē et postq^a m feoffari fecerīt dc̄am Joħam uxorē suā de et in p̃dc̄o maner̃ de Suttons cū ꝑtiñ vt sup^a dc̄m est ijđm feoffati ħere facient eiđ Joħi Jerveys et Joħe vxori ei⁹ cōpetente statũ de grang' et gardīo meis sit̄ in occidentali

suburbio ville de Bury ꝑpe viā duc̃ a le Rysbygate v̊sus Teyuen et eciam de xvj. acr̃ t̊re et pastur̃ iac̃ ꝑpe Teyven et ꝑpe hospitale sc̃i Petri cū ꝑtiñ in villa de Bury p̊dc̃a tenenđ et ħenđ in feodo imꝑpetuū. Itm volo q^d qñcumq; iđm Joħes Jerveys inuen⁹it eisđm exec̃ meis consiłem securitatẽ de soluendo sibi quadraginta marcas infra quatuor annos ꝑx̃ sequent̄ post festũ Pascħ iam ꝑx̃ venturū sciłt quołt anno decem marcas incipiendo p^imam inde soluc̃oem ad festũ Pascħ ꝑx̃ sequens post p̊scriptũ fest̃ Pascħ tũc ijđm feoffati ħere faciant eiđm Joħi Jerveys et hijs quos ip̃e ad hoc denoīau⁹it competẽtem statū de vna pec̃ terre comput̄ ꝑ viginti acris terr̃ siue plus siue min⁹ in ip̃a pec̃ ħeat^a cū ꝑtiñ iac̃ ꝑpe Hennoweheth infra Bury ħenđ sibi in feodo imꝑpetuũ. Itm volo q^d Wiłłms Basse vn⁹ executoꝝ meoꝝ et feoffat̄ ħeat mes̃ meū vocat̄ Seynt Roberdis cū suis ꝑtiñ sit̄ in Bury p̊dc̃a in vico vocat̄ Hat̊estrete quod a me nuꝑ ꝑquisiuit soluendo ꝑ eođ mes̃ coexec̃ suis test̄i mei viginti libras leg̃ monete Anglie in decem annis ꝑx̃ sequent̄ die obit⁹ mei sciłt quołt anno xl s̃. Itm volo q^d Joħes Baret ħeat mes̃ meũ sit̄ in Bury p̊dc̃a in vico voc̃ Ratunrowe ꝑ sũma quaterviginti et quindecim marcaꝝ. Si tamen iđm Joħes Baret cũ dc̃is executor̃ meis de t̊mīo solut̄ et securitate inde concordare possit. Act̄ sunt hec ap^d Bury p̊dict̄ die lune p̊x̃ post festũ Epħie dñi A° dñi Miłło cccc^mo xxxix° Regni v̊o Regꝭ Henr̃ sexti xviij°. Eisđm loco die et anno ego p̊fat⁹ Joħes Notyngh^am testm̃ meũ amplificar̃ ꝑpono hoc modo qui sequit^r. In primis lego Isabelle filie Joħis Jerveys vj. cocliar̃ argent̄ j. ciphũ murr. j. cooptoriũ ruƀ j. ꝑ blankettꝭ. j. ꝑ linthiam̊ ij. ollas eñ j. patełł eñ j. peluī j. lauacr̃ eñ j. ꝑuũ cacabũ eñ j. vrciolũ eñ vj. quissinꝭ j. magñ mortar̃ lapidꝭ j. tabulā mensalē ij. scabella j. cathedr̃ j. craticłam ferr̃ j. veru ferr̃ j. quartpot de stangno et dī garnischħ pevt⁹vessełł et dī mappā mensalē. Itm lego Joħe sorori p̊dc̃e Isabełł vj. cocliar̃ arg̃ j. ciphũ murr̃ j. cooptor̃ cũ j. testor de viride et glauc̃ j. ꝑ blankettꝭ j. ꝑ linthiam̊ ij. ollas eñ j. patełł eñ j. ꝑuũ caldronē j. vrciolũ j. caldronē maiorē eñ j. veru ferr̃ j. craticłam ferr̃ j. mortar̃ lapiđ j. peluī j. lauacr̃ eñ vj. quissinꝭ j.

mensam curt̄ ij. scabella. j. cathedr̃. j. quartpot de stagno et dī garnissh peut⁹ vessell et dĩ mappā mensalē. It̄m lego Joħi Jerveys pileũ meũ de Brunettꝭ et meũ portifer. Et lego Joħe vxori ej⁹ oĩa lana mea hostiliam̃ et vtensilia hospic̃ mei ext^ᵃ cipħ meis argent̃ et j. par cultell quoꝝ manubria sunt de cornu vnicornij et j. cista cũ oĩbȝ cartꝭ et munimentꝭ in ea contentꝭ p̄t̄ munimentꝭ que spectant ad terr̃ et teñ supi⁹ vendit̄ que tēpore congruo sũt liƀanda modo debito. It̄m lego eid Joħe oĩa grana focalia ligna et carbones que remanebũt post expensas inde faciend circa int̄amentũ meũ et al obseruancias fun⁹ales ꝑ me faciend et ext^ᵃ ducent̄ fagott̄ que distribuent^ᵃ paupibȝ ꝑ man⁹ exec̃ meoꝝ. It̄m lego Thome Byenge meā togam nigr̃ furrat̃ cũ j. capuc̃o. It̄m lego Willmo Basse meā tog̃ ruƀ ꝑticā et optimũ capiciũ meũ ruƀ. maiorē staterā meā cũ balanc̃ et oĩa g°ssa pondera mea plũbea et j. ꝑuā staterā de ij. librꝭ j. ꝑ rostyngrakkꝭ ferr̃. j. gospanne ereū. j. potelpot de pevtyr et meũ primar̃. It̄m lego Joħi Basse filiolo meo ij. q^a rt̃ bras̃ et cuilt fratrũ et soroꝝ eiusd Joħis iiij. bȝ bras̃ uel ij s̃. ꝑ eisdm. It̄m lego Gilƀto Skut xx s̃. et togā meā de bluett furr̃ et meũ pileũ de scarlet et pileũ meũ nigr̃. ij. cistas in opella exist̄ et om̃es tecas opelle mee. It̃m lego Agneti of Park xl s̃. It̃m lego Thome Conysby j. ciphũ argent̃ cũ pede. It̃m volo q^d Willms Basse ħeat totā ceram meā in domo vocat̄ Seynt Roberdis existent̄ scilt quamlt centenā inde ad l s̃. cui⁹ ꝑtiñ totale attingit sūmam ducentaꝝ libraꝝ septē solid et decem denar̃ vnde ip̃e soluet coexecutor̃ suis dc̃i mei test̃i quolt anno durant̄ decem añ amodo ꝑx° sequent̄ decem et octo libras ad festa Pasch et sc̃i Micħis equis porc̃oibȝ et vlt̄ius in anno ꝑx° sequenti post ip̃oꝝ decem annoꝝ complement̄ ad festa cōsilia viginti libras vij s̃. et x d. p^i mo t̄mĩo soluc̃ incipiente ad festũ Pasch iam ꝑx̃ ventur̃. It̃m volo q^d vn⁹ capellus ydoneus p̄sertim dn̄s Thomas Conesby capellus ħeat quolt anno octo marcas durantibȝ sexdecim annis post obitũ meũ immediate sequent̄ ad celebrand in eccłia ƀe Marie p̄dc̃a ꝑ aĩa mea et aĩa Isabelle nuꝑ vxorꝭ mee ac oĩm fideliũ

defunctoꝝ si residuũ bonoꝝ meoꝝ vlt^{a} legata et assignamenta mea ad hoc sufficer̃ possit.

Prob. 15 Feb. 1439.

[Lib. Osbern, f. 244^{b}.]

Robert, Bishop of Emly.—1441.

In dei noīe Amen. Ego Roƀtus ꝑmissione Diuina Ep̃us Imiliceñ sana mente ac bona memoria exist̄ ap^{d} Bury sc̄i Eđi iurisdict̄ exempt̄ vltĩo die mensꝭ Junij A^{o}. đni Miłłmo cccc^{mo}. xlj^{o}. condo test̄m meū in hūc modū. In p^{i}mis lego aīam meam deo oīpotenti ƀe Mar̃ Virgini et oīƀꝫ sc̃is corp^{ꝰ} q̧ meū ad sepelienđ in eccłia fratrũ minoꝝ de Babewell. It̄ lego sūmo altari eccłie ƀe Marie ville p̊dc̄e ꝑ decĩs et oblac̃ meis minime ꝑsolut̄ iij s̃. iiij đ. It̄ lego cōuentui de Babewell p̃dict̄ sex cocliar̃ arg̃ j. ciphū argent̄ et ciphũ meũ de murra minorē. It̄m lego assigno Roƀto Cok clerico meo mes̃ meũ nuꝑ Ric̄i Bendeste cũ ꝑtiñ suis sit̄ in Bury p̊dc̄a in vico voc̃ Westgatestrete ħenđ sibi heređ et assigñ suis imꝑpetuũ uel saltē decem marc̃ monete de vendic̃oe eiusđ mes̃ leuanđ et lego eiđm Roƀto j. matras j. ꝑ blanketts j. ꝑ linthiam̃ j. cooꝑtor̃ de bluettꝭ j. p^{r}poynt j. ołł eñ de ij. lag̃ et j. vrciolũ eñ et ij. cocliar̃ argent̄ It̄ lego Wiłło Beton nuꝑ serũ meo j. matras j. ꝑ blanketꝰ ij. ꝑia linthiam̃ vnū noũ cooꝑtor̃ et j. cocliar̃ arg̃ Residuū v^{ꝰ}o oīm bonoꝝ meoꝝ cōmitto admīstrat̄ execut̄ meoꝝ ad vendenđ recipienđ et disponenđ ꝑ aīa mea et aīabꝫ oĩm fideł defūct̄ in pietatꝭ oꝑibꝫ ꝑut ip̃i viderint Deo cōplacere. Hui^{ꝰ} autē test̄i mei meos constituo exec̃ sciłt Galfriđ Herry de Fornham Andr̃ Grene de Rysby Edm̃ Galyon. In cui^{ꝰ} rei testīõiũ p̊sens sigillū apposui. Dat̄ loco die et a^{o}. sup̃dict̄.

Prob. 2 July, 1441.

[Lib. Osbern, f. 253.]

Alicia Langham of Snaylwell.—1448.

In Dei noīe Amen. Anno dn̄i Miłłmo cccc^mo xlviij^o die mensꝭ ffebr̄ die vicesimo. Ego Alic' Langh^ꝰm de Snaylwell cōpos et sane mentꝭ existens in hũc modũ meũ condo testamentũ. In p^imis com̄endo aīam meã Deo pr̄i oīpotenti ei^9 ꝙ miserac̄oi corpus ꝙ meũ ad sepeliendũ inf^a sc̄uariū ecc̄ie ꝑocħ inf^a cui^9 limites me mori De^9 disposu^9it. Et lego sũmo altari eiusđm ecc̄ie vj s̄. iiij đ. Iṫ fabrice et emendac̄oi dc̄e ecc̄ie vj s̄. iiij đ. Iṫ lego Edeue filie mee optīam armilausā seu collobiū et vnũ pann̄ depictũ cũ historia Roberti Regis Cesilie. Iṫm lego Agneti filie mee mõiali de Swafh^ꝰm ꝑfess̄ duo cooꝑtoria lecto ꝑtin̄ optīa vno exempto. Iṫ ij. par̄ blanketts, ij. par̄ lintħ de optīꝭ vno ex^to, j. donge optimũ vno ex^to, j. pruce hutche, j. forcer, vnā pec̄ argenteā cũ cooꝑtor̄ argentea, iiij. cocliar̄ argentea, vnā murrā, j. manu^9giũ, j. capiciũ nigrũ, et viij. marc̄ in pecunia si de bonis meis leuare po^9int. Iṫ lego p^iorisse de Swafh^ꝰm mõialiũ iij s̄. iiij đ. Iṫm cuiliƀt moniali iƀm ꝑfess̄ et nõ xij đ. Iṫm lego m. Wiłło Hamond vj s̄. viij đ. Iṫ lego Hugoni Agnyseye de Chyppenh^ꝰm iij s̄. iiij đ. Iṫ lego Wiłłmo Shakespere pauꝑi de Snayleswell xij đ. Iṫ lego Agnete vx^9 dc̄i Wiłłi j. tunicã vł togã secundũ auisamentũ ex̄ meoꝝ subscriptoꝝ. Iṫm lego Margerie Seman famule mee vnã togã optīam vna ex^ta. j. cou^9lyth, j. ꝑ blanketts, j. par lintħ et j. le frende pellure. Residuũ ^9vo oīm bonoꝝ meoꝝ nõ legatoꝝ do et lego in manus M. Wiłłi Hamond et dn̄e Agneṫ moīał de Swafh^ꝰm filie mee licencia sui suꝑioꝝ ex̄ meoꝝ vt ip̄i inde ordinc̄t et disponãt ꝑ aīa mea et aīabꝫ quibꝫ teneor. Et concedo dc̄tꝭ M. Wiłło et dn̄e Agneti ex̄ meis ^9scripṫ plenã potestatẽ oīm bonoꝝ meoꝝ legatoꝝ in testamento meo p̄senṫ contentoꝝ augmentandi et dim̄uendi scđm discrec̄oem eorꝝđ ꝑut meli^9 videbit^r vel expedire Deo placere ac aīe mee ꝑdesse. In cui^9 rei testīon̄ huic ^9senti testamento meo sigillũ meũ apposui. Daṫ die loco mense et anno dn̄i sup^ꝰdicṫ.

Prob. 22 May, 1451.

[Lib. Baldwin, f. 126^b].

Lady Ela Shardelowe.—1457.

In Dei noīe Amen. Ego Ela nup̱ relicta Roƀi Shardelowe militꝭ sane mentis et bone memorie exist̄ ap^d Bury Sc̄i Eđi iij^o. die mens̄ Novembr̄ a^o dñi M^l iiij^c lvij^o condo test̄m meũ ĩ hũc mođ. In p^is lego aīam meā Deo oīpotent̄ ƀe Marie Virg̃ et oībȝ scīs corp⁹ q̧ meũ eccłiast̄ sepultur̄. It̄ lego sũmo alt̄ ƀe Mar̄ eccłie sue de Bury p⁹dict̄ xij đ. It̄ lego sacrẽ moñ sc̄i Edm̃i iij s̄. iiij đ. It̄ lego ad rep̱ac̄ ornam̃ in vestibulo eccłie p⁹dict̄ vj s̄. viij đ. It̄ lego fferetro sc̄i Edm̃i vnũ monile aureũ cũ figura cerui ĩp⁹ssa. It̄ lego rep̱ac̄ ornamẽt̄ altarꝭ sc̄i Martini in eađ eccłia x s̄. Et lego dño Wiłło Feg⁹ capełłno ij s̄. It̄ lego Mr̄o Th. Cranewꝭ x m^a rc̄ vnũ psalꝭiũ et vj. quissinos de blod sagone. Et dño Th. Sporle psalꝭiũ meũ veꝭum. It̄ lego ad dist^ibuenđ inter sacerdotꝭ fraꝭnitat̄ sc̄i Nicħi in Bury vj s̄. viij đ. It̄ lego dño Ric̄ Deye portiforiũ meũ et volo q^d iđ Ric̄us ħeat annuat̄ dur̄ quĩq̧ annis p⁹ meũ decessũ īmediat̄ sequeñ viij. m^a c̄ ad celebranđ p̱ aĩa mea et aĩabȝ quibȝ teneor in eccłia p̄dict̄. It̄ lego ad fab^icam noui campanilis mon⁹ de Bury c s̄. soluenđ ad voluntat̄ exec̄ meoꝝ. It̄ lego gilde noĩs Jħu in Bury p̱ sustentat̄ capełłi huic s̄uienti viij. m^a rc̄ et meũ missale. It̄ lego eccłie de Cavenh^a m meũ vestiment̄ feriale cũ ij. tuełł et j. parura p̱ alꝭ et vnũ corp̱ale cũ casa et pannos pictos c^ica meũ altare pendent̄. It̄ lego eccłie de Berton Togryng vestimẽtũ meũ dñicale cũ ij. tuełł p̱ altari et meũ opt̄ corp̱ale cũ casa eiusđ. It̄ lego eccłie oĩm sc̄oꝝ de Elmh^a m vj s̄. viij đ. It̄ lego Margarete Loveday cõmoranti cũ fr̄e suo v m^a rc̄ sibi soluenđ in quĩq̧ anñ ēt tog̃ meã penulatã cũ croppꝭ de grey. It̄ volo q^d Wiłłs Loveday ħeat de boñ meis x łi. sibi soluendꝭ post recepc̄oem oĩm deñ michi debit̄ si tamen ip̄e interim se bñ gerat et virtuose ac bone conu⁹sac̄oi et guƀnac̄oi adhereat alioquin ƀnfic̄o dicti mei legati nullaten⁹ potiat⁹. It̄ lego filio Roƀi Cobbe filio meo sp̄uali vj s̄. viij đ. Et filie Joħ Loveday filie mee spũali vj s̄. viij đ. Et lego Joħi Ede j. par linthiam̃ et vj s̄. viij đ. It̄ lego Ric̄o Loveday s̄uienti meo viij. m^a rc̄. Et lego Roƀ Cobbe s̄uienti meo iiij. m^a rc̄. Et lego Joħne Gellyng

x m^{a}rc̃. Et lego Joħi Wynt̃ iiij. m^{a}rc̃. It̄ volo q^{d} Agnes Sellyng ħeat xviij. cocliar̃ mea arg̃ si ip̃a velit dare execꝭ meis valorem ponderꝭ eoꝝđm in monet̃ Angł. Et lego eiđm Agneti j. murrã cũ coopculo et vnã tabulã pictã stantẽ sup altar̃ meũ et vnũ vas ereũ ꝑ aqua ƀndict̄. It̄ lego Anne Smyth vnũ monile aureũ. Et lego Elizabetħ Drury anulũ meũ minorem cũ diamante imp̃ssa. Et lego gilde sc̃e Anne in Bury capiciũ meũ penulat̄ cũ letuseȝ. Et volo ac p̃cor et requiro feoffatos de et in man̄io meo cũ ꝑtiñ voc̃ Daventꝭ in villis de Chedesh^{a}m, Rumburgh, Wyssete, et alibi in com. Suff. ut totum suũ statũ inde ħitũ exhibeant exec̃ meis q^{a}mcito requisiti fuint quaten̄ ijđm execut̄ mei man̄iũ illud vendere possint ac deñ de ip̃a vendic̃oe recipe et in execuc̃oe p̃missoꝝ et ał pietatꝭ opũ disponere in expedicōeȝ aĩe mee et aĩaꝝ oĩm fideliũ defunct̄. Et qȝ p̃legate sũme pec̃ ad manũ non ħent̃ nec ħer̃ pot̄unt añq^{a}m de debitoribȝ meis seu de vendic̃oe p̃dict̄ man̄ij recepte sint volo igit^{r} q^{d} si quis ꝑ aliq^{o} legat̄ meo supius facto meos execut̄ vexar̃ seu inquietar̃ p̃sumat añq^{a}m illud de bonꝭ meis sibi valeant rõnabilit̄ soluere legatũ illud penit̄ amittat q^{d} et residuũ boñ meoꝝ supius non legat̄ lego et cōmitto admĩstracōi exec̃ meoꝝ ad ven^{d} reci^{d} et dispo^{d} ꝑ salute aĩe mee et aĩaꝝ oĩm fideliũ defunct̄ in opibȝ caritatiuis ꝑut ip̃i viderint Deo melius complacere et dictꝭ aĩabȝ celerius expedire. Huī autẽ test̄i mei meos constituo exec̃ Joħem Odeħ^{a}m draper et Joħem Beneyt fił Ade Beneyt et lego vt^{i}q̧ eoꝝ ꝑ suo labore xxvj s̃. viij đ. Et volo q^{d} exec̃ mei supius noĩati bona mea disponant cũ consensu et auisamento superuisoꝝ meoꝝ videłt Joħ Clopton Armig̃ et dñi Thome Cranewꝭ Capełłi aut saltem cũ consensu eoꝝ alt̃ius. Et insup dep̃cor p̃fat̄ supuisores fore meis exec̃ intendentꝭ consulentꝭ et eos auxiliantes ac ꝑtegentes cont^{a} eos qui execuc̃oem p̃missoꝝ impedire seu ip̃os execut̃ ꝑ sua diligencia circa p̃missa facienđ grauare seu molestare volu̅int ꝑut mea fiducia in eoꝝ amicicia firmit̃ radicat^{a}. In cuī rei testiõiũ huic meo test̄o sigillũ &c.

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[Lib. Hawlee, fol. 57.]

John Baret of Bury.—1463.

In the name of Almyghty God, Amen. I, John Baret, of Seynt Edmūdys Bury, of good mynde and memorye, beyng at Seynt Edmūdys Bury the Satyrday next folwyng the feeste of the Natiuite of oure Lady, the yeer of oure Lord Cryst M^{l}cccclx^{ti} and iij. make my testement in this wyse: First I be qwethe and cōmytte my soule to oure Lord God Almyghty and to oure Lady Seynt Marie and to alle the Seyntes. And my body to be beryed by the awter of Seynt Martyn, namyd also our Ladyes awter, in Seynt Marye chirche at Bury, vnder the ꝑcloos of the retourne of the candilbeem, be fore the ymage of oure Sauyour, and no stoon to be steryd of my graue, but a pet to be maad vnder the ground sille ther my lady Schardelowe was wont to sitte, the stoolys removyd, and the body put in as neer vndyr my grave as may be wythoute hurt of the seid grave. And I be qwethe vnto the high awter of the seid chyrche, in recompense of my dewtees to holy chirche not payed dewly, xx s̄. Iť̄m I beqwethe to my lord Abbot of Bury a good purs and vj s̄. and viij d̄. ther in, and for a tokne of remembraunce my bedys of white ambyr with the ring of syluir and ovir gilt longyng therto and my gilt stondyng cuppe, to hym and to his successours aftyr hym. Also I be qwethe to the Prio^{r} a good purs and a halpenye of gold ther in, with a dowbiť seel with two prentys hanggyng by a cheyne of syluer. Iť̄m to Davn John Wulfpet my best powdyr box of syluer and a ferthing of gold. Iť̄m to Davn John Ixnyng my tablees of ivory with the combe and a peyre spectaclys of syluir and ouyr gylt. Iť̄m to Davn John Crymplesh^{a}m my smale tablys of ivory gravyn with ymages wiche were the pryour hooly John of Bredlyngtone and vj s̄. viij d̄. Iť̄m to Davn Wiť̄m Boxforde my knyves that I veryd my selfe. Iť̄m to Davn John Colchestre a peyre of smale bedys of jeet, the pat)-nost) of syluyr and ovyr gilt. Iť̄m I beqwethe to Davn John Ratlysden a peyre bedys of ambyr with a ryng of syluir. Iť̄m to

Davn John Harlowe and Davn John Attylburgh̄, eche of hem, a peyre bedys of ambyr. Itm to eche monk in the place to haue xij d. and a petaũce a monges them, eche mā a french loof and a quart wyn. Itm I beqwethe to eche of my lord abbottꝭ chapleyns a purs of silk and gold and to eche of them xij d. ther in. Itm to euꝭy gentylman of my lord abbottꝭ wiche be comyng and goyng as officeres and menyal men longyng to the houshold of my felashippe, eche gentylman a purs of silke and gold and xij d. ther in. Itm to eche yoman of houshold viij d. and a peyre bedys of ambyr and jet. And to eche grome and page vj d. and peyre bedys of mystill. Itm I beqwete to Adam Newhawe my girdyl of ledir barryd with siluir with bokyll and pendaunth and my lityll bagge of blakke ledyr with a cheyne and toret of siluyr. It to Raffe Otle sumtyme my man a blak gownne and xx d. to the makyng. And to Robert Otle a blak gownne and xx d. to the makyng. Itm to John Hert my gyrdyll with a bokyll and pendaunth of siluir, *Grace me gouerne* wretyn ther in, and a bagge of grene silk with jemewys of green. Itm I geue and qwethe to Willm Hussher iij s. iiij d. and he to haue his indentoꝛ of his prentished ye wiche I hadde in kepyng with a quetaunce of his maisꝭ by sythe; and if John Hert and Willm Housher do seruyce at my interment, I will that they be revardyd be syde and alle tho that do seruyce there by the discrecion of my executours. Itm I beqwethe to the parish preest of Seynt Marie chirche vj s. viij d. Itm to Seynt Marie preest a blak gowne and as folwith. It to the parysh clerkeȝ that longith to the warde I dwelle in xij d. It I wille that eche preest that be at fyrst dirige and berying haue iiij d. and eche of ye parysshclerkeȝ ij d. and eche chyld with a surplys j d. Also in leche wyse I will that euery preest that be at my solempne exequies haue a peyre bedys with a litel purs and ther in iiij d. freris and alle other that hath take the ful ordir of preesthod and eche of the parish prests to haue vj d. and eche of the Seynt Marie preestꝭ vj d. and the chawntours eche of them vj d. Itm eche colet, dekne, and subdekne, and parish or [ward ?] clerc,

ij đ. a ꝑsone and eche chyld that hath a surplys a j đ. It̃m I wyll that Maist̃ Thomas Harlowe sey the sermon at my interment, if he wochesaft, and he to have vj s̃. viij đ. to prey for me. And if he may not do it, be his avyce anothir to be chose at Cambridge to make the sermon and to have ye seid nobill and alle here costeȝ payd fore. It̃ I will no comown dole haue, but on the evyn myn solempne dirige shalbe kept eche pore man and eche pore woumã beyng there haue j đ. to prey for me, and ij. chyldren j đ., to be delyd after the discrec̃on of my executours, and the same day be forn non̄ eche bedred man and womã that can be fowunde within [fol. 96] Bury haue ij đ. to prey for my soule. It̃m I wille the presoneres in the Gayle haue o day brede, mete, and drynkke, and eche ꝑsone j đ., and the kepere to haue ij đ. It̃m I wille that eche laseer of man and womā or child within Bury haue ij đ. and a loof of brede and halpeny. It̃m I wille haue at myn interment at my diryge and messe v. men clade in blak in wurshippe of Jħus v. woundys and v. wommen clad in whith in wurshippe of oure ladyes fyve joyes, eche of them holdyng a torche of clene vexe, the ovener of my place kepe ye vex y^t lewyt for a stoke to fynde yerly ij. taperis lyght suyche tyme as folwith aftyr in wryting. It̃m I wille eche pore man and pore womman clad in blak and white, holdying ye wex haue ij đ. and here mete. It̃ I wele the ij bellemen haue ij. gownys and be ij. of ye fyve to holde torches and ij đ. and here mete, and ye Sexteyn of ye chirche to haue brede and drynkke and xij đ. for his rynggyng and his mete. It̃m I wele mȳ executoures, my kynrede, my frendys, and my s̃uauntꝭ haue gownys of blak as many as ben expressyd be name in this my seid wille, and if mȳ executours wille adde any moo thereto I graunte hem fulle pover. It̃ I wille y^t on the day of mȳ intirment be songge a messe of prikked song at Seynt Marie auter in wurshippe of oure lady at vij. of ye clokke be the morve or sone aftir, y^t ye messe of requiem may begynne forthwith whan y^t is doo, to spede the tyme for ye sarmon, and y^t my kynrede and executours offre at ye said messe of oure lady ; the wiche messe of oure lady I wille the

Seynt Marie preest kepe in a whith vestement wiche is redy made ageyn y^t^ tyme, bought and payd fore, with a remembraunce of my armys and my reson therto, *Grace me gouerne*, and I wele haue anothir vestement made of white busteyn and my clot of gold to go y^p^to. For what day God fortune y^t^ I desese y^t^ day eche wyke in ye yeer I wille Seynt Marie preest sey or do seye a messe of oure lady at Seynt Marie avter in ye seyd vestement, and aft^p^ the gospel to stonde at ye awter is ende and reherse Jo͂n Barettys name opynly, seying *De profundis* for me, for my fader and my mo͂d, and for alle crysten sowlys, and to haue mynde on vs and on Edmond Tabour in his *memento*, and aft^p^ the seid messe to sey a memorie of *requiem* for vs and for alle cristen sowlys, and ye seid Seynt Marie preest yeerly to haue a revarde therefore; and if the office of Seynt Marie preest fayle, as God defende, than I wille the parishe preest haue as moche, and to do as ye seid Seynt Marye preest shulde do accordyng to my wille as is expressid by wourdys y^t^ folwyn aftyr be wryting; wher vpon I wille ye seid Seynt Marie preest be gynne on the day of my interment with a messe be note, seyng *De profundis* aftir the gospell, rehersyng my name with a memorye of *requiem*, as is rehersid afore, and he to haue ye same day vj s̄. viij d̄. onward for y^t^ folwyng, y^t^ tyme twelve monyth another nobill, and so yeerly ij. noblys as folwith in writyng, and he to be chargyd with no mo messys be note but the day of m^ȳ^ internement and a messe of oure lady eche wykke after withoute note, and to sey *De profundis* after the gospel with my name rehersid, as is seid be fore. Ite͂m I wille y^t^ eche man y^t^ synggit prykked songe on ye day of my enterment at oure ladyes messe haue ij d̄. and ye pleyers at ye orgenys ij d̄. and eche child j d̄. and y^t^ yei preyid to dyner the same day. Ite͂ I wille the Alderman, Burgeys, gentilmen, and gentilwomme͂ haue a [fol. 96^b^] dyner the same day that I am enterid, with other folkes of wourshippe, preests, and good frendys, and also my tenawunts, to wiche I am moche be holde to do for hem alle, for they haue be to me ryght gentil and good at alle tymes, and therfore I wyl eche of

hem alle haue iiij d. to drynkke whanne they pay her ferme. Itt such ꝑsonys as my executours wylle bydde to dyner be syde I fully cõmytte it vnto there discrecõn. Itt for ·asmoche as I levyd wele euyn I wyl they haue j now, and that they fayle noon at my dirige ne at mete. Itt I wille yt there be wretyn on ye fore part of iren abowte my graue soone aftyr my dissees these vers, *Sis testis xp'e tumulus non hic manet iste Corpus vt ornetur sed sp'us ut memoretur.* And in sum cõuenient place by, the day and the yeer of oure lord of my departyng frõ this wourld and the pardon the wiche I purchased to be wreten therewt. Itt the bulle and the busshoppees seelys the wiche I get be set in a loker of burde for brekyng of the seelys and curyd ovir aft a loker on the syde ageyn the plombe of lede, yt it may be redde and knowe to exorte the pepill rathere to prey for me. Itt I yeve and be qwethe x. marks to the peyntyng rerdoos and table at Seynt Marie avter of the story of Magnificat, that in caas be ye awter be seet aftir my entent, as is wretyn aftyr. And in the enner part of ye lowkys wtjnne there be wreten the balladys I made therefore, and the pardon wretȳ there also, with other thinges wiche I graunte to Seynt Marye preest, his chargees and his rewardys expressyd as folwith aftyr in writyng, that here aftyr it may be knowe for an euydence in the seid tabyll there to be fowunde in wryting. Itt I wil that the ymage of oure lady that Robert Pygot peynted be set vp ageyn the peleer next ye ꝑcloos of Seynt Marie awter with the baas redy therto and a hovel with pleyn sydes comyng down to the baas, and in the myddes of the baas my candylstykke of laten with a pyke to be set afore a tapir I haue assygned vnto ye v. taperes longgyng to the natyvite gylde wiche stant alofte be fore the aungelys, with chymes to be sette abowte our lady at the peler. Itt I wille yt John Elys serche sewrly and owyr se the chymes at Seynt Marie awt, and the chymes in ye stepyll, therto make a newe barell wiche is redy, and to make plvmbys of leed and newe lynes and ropys and alle thing sewr that longith therto, and substancyaly wrought to endure. And I require my executours to

spare for no coste that this be doo, and that they reward so the seid John Elys for his labour that he be plesid and content. Itt I wille there be made a goodly newe crowune of metal gylte, or ellys wel doo in tymbyr, for the ymage of oure lady in the housyng of ye rerdoos of Seynt Marie awt, and iij. merours of glas to be sette in the myddys of ye iij. woytez above my grave, wiche be redy with my other glasys and dyuerse rolles with scripture, as Henry Peyntour can sette hem there they shalle stonde. Itt I wylle the welle werke afore my place be reparid neve with the drawth and the stoon werk be made sewr. Itt I wil yt myn executours, be the avys of Thomas Ide, do make ovyr suych a werke of tymbyr [fol. 97] with iiij. postys and a cros as is at Eye, or ellys bettyr, substancyally and wilkeverid to endure, and no grettere coste than nedith, and to considre other charges. Itt I wil yt my newe hous with the iij. tūnys of chemeneyis with in the yeer aftir my disses be deseverid and ptyd froom the hefd place vndir this foorme folwyng: I wil the entre wt the stoon wal be the strete syde longe to ye neve hous as ferre as the chymeneys stretchith, and a deseueraunce maad of stoon wal ovir the entre, to parte the litil botrie vndir the gresys, to longe to the plour wiche is redy maad; and also deseverid with a walle of tymbyr fro the hefd place be an entre maad out of the spynnyng hous. Itm to close in a good walle ye dore yt is out of ye plour into ye spynnyng hous, wiche spynnyng hous I wille eue longe to my hefd place and the drawt chambyr above ye spynnyng hous therto. Itt I wil that ye newe prevy hous ovir the synkke be the dore in to the yeerd ward next the Facown wel closid and keverid to serve for the plour and chambir a loffte, and so the seid plour and chambyr a lofte with ye prevy and the closet a lofte to go evere to gidre hool vndir this forme, as folwith in wryting: that is to seye, I wille my feffees and my attornees put Seynt Marie preest of Seynt Marie chirche in possession of my seid hous with the chemene of ij. tūnys next the facon with the apportenance longgyng therto, as is rehersid be fore, as soone after myn interment as may goodly be doo in reue-

rence of God and oure lady, he to haue it to hym and his successours in the seid office for ever, if it can be made sewr be conseyl and with cost of my goods as my executours shal ꝑuyde the menys therfore; and as I declare a part onward in this my seid wille after my sympil consceyt; the seid Seynt Marie preest and his successours to haue the seid place with a penc̃on yeerly be syde, as is exp̃ssyd in this wryting, so y^t^ he ꝑforme and fulfille diu̅se thinges as is rehersid be fore and as folwith aftyr in wryting, he to prey for my soule at eu̅y meel, mete, or sopeer, and yif he gynne gracys and sey *De profundis*, he to reherse my name, John Baret, opynly, that they y^t^ here it may sey, *God haue mercy on his soule*, wiche greetly may releve me with here devout preyours. It̃ I wil that the seid Seynt Marie preest ne his successours shal not lete to ferme the seid place to no man nor wom̃, weddyd ne onweddyd, but he and his successours to logge there. Im̃ and if Seynt Marie preest of Seynt James chirche wil sey a messe oonys in ye wykke and af̃ the gospeel to reherse my name opynly with *De profundis* for my soule, he to haue the ꝑlour benethe ffre to his awaylle, partyd a tresaunce, and ellys the tothir to do there with as wel as he can, eue^r^ ꝑuydyng y^t^ he repare the seid place and kepe it drye alofte, and wysly to be ware of feer, that God and oure lady p̃serue saue it froom alle man̄ of hurt. It̃ I wil y^t^ my neve hous with the appvrten^a^nce wiche I haue assigned to the Seynt Marie preest pay yeerly ij d̃. at my yeerday of rente to my hefd place and to the owneer therof, and no more rente [fol. 97 ^b^] to no man as for that part. And the seid hefd place, or whoo that ocupyeth it, to paye the hool rente as hath be paiyd be fore, and to a qwyte the said Seynt Marie preest of the taske Abbott's cope, and alle man̄ charges gen̄ally at ony [time] askyd by ony man̄ of mene. And on a condic̃on y^t^ he that owĩth my hefd place do this, and diligently and effectually take hede to the seid Seynt Marie preest and to his successours that my will be executyd and ꝑformyd yeerly as I haue assignyd to be do, and also that dewly and yeerly he fynde ij. tapris of vax, oon right ovir my

graue, anothir be fore the ymage of oure lady at the pelir, and bothe taprys to be light o day eche wyke in the yeer suych tyme as the preest seyth messe of oure lady for me, and the same tapris to be light at dirige and messe eche yeer at my yeerday, at wich yeerday I wylle the owener of my place pay eche yeer viij d. to the resurreccion gilde that viij d. taperis may be light at the dirige and messe the same tyme. And this do, the owener of my place to haue my cornell hous in the Cookrowe, and vij s. of rente that ye petauncere payeth me. Itm I will y^t^ Jenete Whitwelle, my nece, haue hir dwellyng in a part of my hefd place terme of hire lyffe, that is to sey:—I will y^t^ she chese if sche will haue the chambyr y^t^ she hath loyn in, w^t^ the drawght chambyr therto, or ellys the chambyr abovyn the kechene, with the drawgth chambyr longyng therto, with the esement of the prevy longgyng thereto. And I will she haue hire liberte at alle leffull tymes to go in to the chapell to seye hire devocyons, in caas be y^t^ she chese the seid chambyr above the kechene, and if she chese that she to haue the storehous therto to leye in hire stuffe, and so alle y^t^ severell to hire self terme of hire liff, and she to leve the chambyr she hath loyn in, wich I will and this be doo remayne to y^t^ hefd place. It' I wille the seid Jenete terme of hire lyff haue hire liberte of fre owth goyng and in comyng at the gate be the strete syde, and as welle at ye doore be the lane syde at alle lefull tymes, and esement of the kechene to make in hire mete, and esement of the welle in ye yeerd, and esement of the prevy in the same yeerd. And she to haue a keye of the grete gardeyn gate, to go in whan she wille, and hire ꝟuaũth and what ffrende she wille calle to hire, and a place of the gardeyn assigned to hire for herbys and for woode to lye in. And anoon aftir my interment I wille my executours delyu̍e hire certeyne stuffe of ostilment that I be qwethe hire; that is to seye, my grene hanggyd bedde steynyd with my armys ther in that hanggith in the chambyr ovir kechene, with the curtyneȝ, the grene keveryng longgyng therto; another cou̍lyte, ij. blanketts, ij. peyre of good

shetꝭ, the trampsõn, the costerys of y^{t} chambyr, and of ye drawgth chambyr next, tho that be of ye same soort, a greet pilve and a smal pilve, the fethirbeed is hire owne y^{t} hire maistresse gaf hire at London, and a basyn and an ever of laten cownterfet therto, and more stuff I haue not ocupyed of hirs. Iť I wille she haue a long narevh table of Esterych burde w^{t} ij. trestelys, j. pleyn boord-clooth, j. shorth washyng towayle, vj. napkyns. Iť my flat pece enchased [fol. 98] to make with a saltsaler of sylver, the grettere hol basyn of ij. smale basynes, ij. lowe candylstikkeȝ of a sorth, and the rowndde table, terme of hire liff, and aftyr remayne to the ownner of my place. Iť a chayer, iij. footyd stoolys, iij. of the cusshonys in the parlour, and iiij. of the olde grene kusshownes that lyn in hire chambyr, withe the costerys old grene wonostede, withe the grene testir and grene keverying therto, wiche been hire ownne. And I yeve here the selo^{r} and the steynyd clooth of the Coronac͠on of oure lady, with the clothes of mȳ that longe to ye bedde that she hath loyen in, and the beddyng in the draugħ chambyr for hire s⁹uaunth to lyn in; and a banker of grene and red lying in hire chambyr with the longe chayer; and a stondyng coffre and a long coffre in the drawth chambyr. And as for the prews coffre alwey I wille remayne to my hefd place and iij. of ye fotyd stolys therto. Iť I wille that Jenette my nece haue ij. ale stondys, a greet erthin potte y^{t} was my moderis, vj. trenchowrs, a doseyn plateris, viij. dysshes, and viij. sawsers of old vessell, and a chargeour of the myldel syse. Iť a potel pot and a quart pot of pewꝭ, ij. smale speteȝ, oon of hem for birdes, a droppyng panne, j. bras pot, a chetill, a panne, a litell chafour with a beyl and a lyd of laton, a morter, a trewd, a gredyle, a peyre tongys, and a peyre belwys, a litil ladyll of laton, the boord clothes to the rownd table, ij. stondyng cuppys of erthe the toon keverid, a barell with wergoys, and a botel for wynne. Iťm I receyvyd xx. marke of Isabel Bussy's executours, wiche was the seid Jenettꝭ maystresse of London, and ye seid executours charged me to putte it to noon othir vse, but oonly to hire maryage, of wiche xx. marke I haue

payid to the seid Jenete v. marke, in ꝑsence of Thomais Drury delyu᷒ed to the seid Jenete; and so ther remeynyth x. li. wiche I wil she haue, and x. marke of mȳ goods in mony therto such tyme as my executours may contente it with the siluir that they shal receyve for such goods of mȳ as shalle be sold. Also I geve and be qwethe to Willam Baret, sone onto Jeffrey Baret of Cratfeld, my neve, mȳ hefd place, othir wyse callyd a mesuage, wiche I dwellyd in, with the gardynes, berne, and duffous that I purchasid therto, except the partys and dyuerse ꝑcellys therof wiche I have assignyd as is expressid in this writyng, and xij s. of white rente wiche Robert Nunstedes place payid yeerly. I be qwethe to the owener of the seid place I dwellyd in the seid rente of xij s. Iꝺ I wil my executours soone aft᷒ my decees, be good avys, delyu᷒e or do delyu᷒e vxx acres and xiij of lond, in the Westegatefeld a part, and sum in Mekilhornyngiserd, Litilhornyngiserd, and Westele, wiche vxx and xiij. acrys of lond I wil Willam Baret haue with the hefd place and white rente above wretyn, to hym and to his eyris male lawfully be gotyn of his body, beryng yeerly dyuerse charges according to ye seid wrytyng and vndir diu᷒se condyc̃onys that he stonde welle and cler in the kyngge3 grace, and be gentyl to my executours, and in my wil fulfyllyng; and he be obstinat or froward I wil he haue noon of all, but that mȳ executours set John his brothir, he to haue as Willam shuld haue, to hym and to his eyr male, and though Willam rewle hȳ to haue it and his yssew male, for defawte of hem I wille ye seid John meryte next; and for the defawte of eyr male of the seid John, than Robert his brother and his [fol. 98 b] eyrys male to haue it; and for defawte of eyr male of the seid Robert, than Thom̃ Baret, brothir to ye seid John and Robert, to haue it, to hym and to his eyris male; and for defawte of eyr male of the seid Thomas than wil I John the sone of Robert Baret my neve haue it, to hym and his eyrys male; and for defawte of issew male of the seid John, than to his oldest brother and his issew male; and so fro oon to anothir as longe as ony yssew male be comyn of the said Robert Baret, my neve.

And for defawte of yssew male of the seid Robert than I wil John Baret, sone of old Jeffrey Baret of Cratfield, dwellyng w^t^ the Abbot of Seynt Benyghtys, haue it, to hym and to his eyres male as longe as they laste. But I wil that in no wyse noon ydiot nor fool occupye the seid goods, but refuse hym and take anothir that is next, [that] the seid name of Baret may contynwe goodly as longe as God wochesaffe. Ĩt I yeve and be qwethe to the seid Will^a^m Baret, and to alle tho that shul succede hym to be ocupyers of my hefd place, my lowe chased pece of silvir, with a barnagge in the preente of the botme and with owtyn any cou᷑til, myn ij. stondyng pecys of silvir chasid with a cou᷑til to oon of hem, a doseyn of my beste sponys, my ij. salt salers of silvir chased and oon of heem keverid. And my litel salt saler of silver Jenete my nece to haue it terme of hir lif, and aftir to remaigne to the occupyere of mȳ hefd place whoo so occupye for the tyme. Ĩt the seid Will^a^m and thei shal succede hym to have iij. candelstykkes of laton whervpon is wretyn *Grace me governe*, with the clothes in the halle, costers of chambrys, alle the steyned clothes w^t^ ymages, and othir consceytes longyng to the seid place, with tablys, trestelys, cuppeburd bankers, kusshones, and alle the bankers, except tho I have assigned to othir, with al my napry, sillours, testers, curteynes, and keveryng of beddis, with fethirbedds, trampsownys, pilves, shetys, blankettys, potts of pew᷑, basynes, everys, potts of bras, pannys, pew᷑ vessell, cofferys, and tubbes, wid alle othir ostilmentys gen᷑ally, except that I have assigned and put in the reule and assigment of my executours as thei aftir here discrecion wil revarde suych ꝑsonys as I remembre in this my seid wil be name, and if ony other be that thei thynke haue disservyd a reward wich comyth not to my mynde I grawunte hem ful power to do it as though I did my self; providyng alvey that who so eue^r^ occupye, be it Will^a^m Baret or ony that shal succede to haue my hefd place, londe, and rente as I have assigned, that thei make an oth and be sworn be fore the Sexteyn of Bury, and also fynde sufficient sewrte bownde be obligacion to my lord of Bury

who so be for the tyme, to ye Secristeyn, and to the Priour of Dusgylde, the aldirman to be callyd to, and sum thrifty [fol. 99] man of seynt Marie paryssh to be at the selyng, wich obligac̃on must be maad at eu^y^ alyenac̃on in a notable sũme that my wil of yeerly chargys as is rehersid in this writyng shall dewly and trewly be kept and ꝑformyd. And for defawte of eyr male of the seid Barettys I wille my seid hefd place, rente, and londe remaygne to the yssew male comyng of Thom̃ Drury and Kateryne my nece, with an oth and a sufficient sewrte take be obligac̃on as is rehersid afore that the charges shalbe born and payid be hem yeerly accordying to this my seid wil. And if noon yssew male be neyther of Barettys nor of Druryes, I wille thanne the Sexteyn of Bury and the P^i^our of Dusgylde, w^t^ helpe and avys of the Aldirman with a nothir man of wourshepe of Seynt Marie parysh, make a sale of mȳ seid hefd place with alle ꝑcellys, howsyng, lond, and rente, to suych a man as wille bey it to hym and to his eyres male, and no ferthere, he to be sworn and to fynde sufficient sewrte bownde be obligac̃on to my lord Abbot of Bury, who so be for the tyme, that he shal yeerly paye or do paye all the pencyowns and borñ all the charges as it is wretyn in this my seid wil, paying therfore xx ℔i. and no more; ꝑvyded eue^r^ that he be bowunde to reꝑac̃on; and if he deye with owten yssew male, to be sold to anothir that wille take it vpon hym the same charges and paye xx ℔i. and so fro oon to anothir. And for defawte of yssew male to be alienyd and sold w^t^ outen ende fre for the sũme of xx^li^ as ofte as it fallith, wiche xx ℔i. I wil as ofte as it is payid be devyded on this ꝑtys; ō part to the reꝑac̃ō̃n of Seynt Marie awter, to the chymes at the same aw^ł^, and to the chymes in Seynt Marie stepill, and the secunde part to the reꝑac̃ō̃n of mȳ hous Seynt Marie preest shal haue, and to the reꝑac̃ó̃n of the Cros be fore my place, and to the reꝑac̃ō̃n of the Risbigate, and to othir werkys that I haue assignyd to be maad in diu^y^se places. And if there nede ony more helpe to the seid werkez, than take sũme of the thridde part of xx ℔i. and ellys to be

disposid in other almesse deeds as may be most to the pleeser of Almighty God. Itm I wil in alle maters rehersid before with other folwyng that my executours comowñ wt Willam Jeney, if he vowchesauf, wt a wys of Heydon, and to yonge Thomas Heigham, to wich psonys I haue spoke to in the seid matere. And if thei wil consente I wolde the londe, howsyng, and rente shulde reste in xij. or xvj. feffees handys, that if my wil be nat devly executyd in eche part, they to haue pover to distreyne, whervpon I wil my executours take here avys and be here counseyll and such other as they wil calle to hem to examyne alle the seid materis, vndirstonde and comowne alle the dowtys and peilys therof, and be there awysemt [fol. 99b] and discrecon to fynde remydyes and weyes as by there wittes may be fowunde moost sewr in the lawe ppetuelly to endure. And the seid Willam Jeney, Heydon, and yong Thomas Heigham to be rewardid be my executours in such wyse that they holde hem plesid. And so alle thinges to be ingrosed vp by ther avys that noon interrupcon falle aftir to hurte ony part of my seid wil. These been the charges that I, Willam Baret, or John Baret, or ony that shal succede hem to ocupye my hefd place with the pcellys therto, shal yeerly kepe my yeerday, and with avys of the parysh preest, pour of Dusgylde, and Seynt Marie preest to purveye v othir preests to hem, so there be viij. preests in all, they to kepe a dirige be noote and a messe of Requiem be note, and aftyr the messe the parysh preest, pour of Dusgylde, and Seynt Marie preest, eche of hem to haue vj d. and eche of the tothir v preests iiij d., and ech parish clerc ij d.: this mony not to be delyuerid to noon of hem tyl the messe of Requiem be endyd. Itm the seid preests to haue j d. ob. to offre at the messe, and the ocupyere of my hefd place to prey the aldyrman with a nothir wurshipfulman with other to offre j d., and the aldirman dye of Candilmesse gylde ob., and the aldirman of Bury to haue a galon of wyn the same day yeerly for a rememberaunce to se my wil executyd. It I wil that aftir the dirige yeerly ij s. be spent in breed and ale in my hefd place to do ye pepil and preestys drynkke.

Iīm I wil whan the messe is do on my yeerday as moche ferthyng white breed as comyth to iiij s. ij d. be delyd to poore folke apart to hem that be redy to take it stondyng in the strete abowte my place, and a part to bedrefolke, and a part to the ꝑsownerꝭ and to the laserys at the Risbygate. Iīm I wil yeerly be payd viij d. for viij. tapers stondyng at the grawe of resurrecc̄on gylde that they be lyght eche yeer at my dirige and messe. Iīm I wil that the belle meen haue iiij d. to go yeerly abowte the town at my yeerday for my soule and for my faderis and my modrys. Iīm I wil that the Sexteyn of Seynt Marie chirche haue att my yeerday xij d. so he rynge wil and fynde breed and ale to his ffelashippe, and eche yeer what tyme my yeerday fallyth that at twelve of the clokke at noon next be forn my dirige he do the chymes smythe *Requiem eternam*, and so to contynwe sevene nyght aftir tyl the Vtas of my yeerday be passyd, and eue̅ al lenton *Requiem eternam*, and in lykvyse such day as God disposith for me to passe I wil the seid chymes smyth forthwith *Requiem eternam*, and so day and nyth to cō̄tynwe with the same song tyl my xxx^{ti} day be past for me and for my freends that holpe therto with ony goods of here. Iīm I wil yeve and be qwethe yeerly to the Sexteyn of Seynt Marie chirche viij s. to kepe the clokke, take hede to the chymes, wynde vp the peys and the plummys as ofte as nede is, so that the seid chymes fayle not to goo thourgh̄ the defawte of the seid sexteyn who so [fol. 100] be for the tyme, and yif he wil not take it vpon hym the owner of my hefd place, the parysh preest, and the Seynt Marie preest to chese oon of the parysh, such as wyl do it for the same money, tyl such a sexteyn be in the office that wil vndyrtake to do it and to cō̄tynwe, for I wolde the sexteyn hadde it be fore a nothir, for his wagys be but smale, so he wil vndirtake to do it and not fayle. Iīm I wil that the Seynt Marie preest haue yeerly x s., who so euer be for the tyme, he to sey or do seye a messe of oure lady o day in the wyke thorugh̄ out the yeer on such a day as God disposith for me to dissese; and to sey *De profundis* for me, for my fadir

and modir, with other thinges as is expressid be fore in wrytyng in what foorme it shalbe do. It̃m I wil the seid Seynt Marie preest and his successours haue yeerly iij s̃. iiij đ. delyuꝰyd to hym by the owener of my hefd place to the reꝑac̃on of the chymes as wel tho that been in Seynt Marie stepill as tho that been at Seynt Marie awꝰ; and if there nede no reꝑac̃on to neyther of the seid chymes thanne the seid Marie preest to haue the seyd iij s̃. iiij đ. to the avmentac̃on of his lifloode, but as ofte as reꝑac̃on nedith to eyther of the seid chymes, I wil the seid iij s̃. iiij đ. go therto, or part therof as the case requireth, and if grettere cost be doo the seid Seynt Marie preest paye more, and if grettere nede be, who so euere be ocupyere of my hefd place to be contributarye therto what so eue^r it coste, for my wil is that the chymes shal neuer fayle for defawte of helpe, though certeyn lond of mȳ be bowunde or assigned outh therfore be my executours bothe for y^t and the sexteyñ vagys be the syde the bonde of them that shall be ocupyers of myn lond and my place to fulfille my wil, as is be fore wretyn. And I wil that the berere of the paxbrede longyng to Seynt Marye awꝰ, who so be for the tyme, haue yeerly viij đ. so he take hede to kepe my grave clene, the chymes, and Seynt Marie awter, to wynde vp the plvmme of led as ofte as nedith and to do the chymes goo at ye sacry of the messe of Jhū, at the sacry of Seynt Marie messe on the Sunday, and in lik wyse at the sacry of oure ladyes messe y^t Seynt Marie preest seye or do seye for me and for my fadir and modir o day in the wyke, as is rehersid afore to be doo, and the seid chymes to goo also at the avees, at the complyñ eche Satirday, Sunday, and hooly day thourgħ out the yeer; and if the seid Seynt Marie preest or berere of the paxbrede be not ꝑsent, or do not the chymes goo hem self, thanne they to make attorne and to speke to sūme ꝑsone to do it for the tyme for hem. And Seynt Marie preest to haue a keye of my cost of the vys dore goyng vp to the candilbem, the same keye to be leyd in an almarye with other longyng to the chymes as many keyes as ꝑteyne to the seid werke, that the berere of the paxbrede may

come therto with a keye assignyd and delyu^{r}yd hym of the almerye where the seid keyes [fol. 100^{b}] shal lyn in. Ĩm I wil the seid Will^{a}m Baret and alle tho that shal succede hym paye yeerly to the sexteyn of the monasterye of Bury, who so be for the tyme, iij s. iiij d. for a sangrede, that my soule, my fadrys and modrys sowlys, and my frendys, may be preyd fore in the pulpet on the Sunday, and the parysh preest to do as moche as a sangrede requerith. Ĩm I wille my lord abbot of Bury, who so be for the tyme, haue yeerly at my yeerday, or ellys at his next comyng to Bury aft^{r} my yeerday, a galon of rede wyn and ellys xij d. therfor at his owne choys, to be good lord and se that my wille be executyd trewly. Ĩt who so eu^{r} be p^{r}our of Bury to haue at my yeerday a galown of rede wyn, to take hede and se that my wille be ꝑformyd, and yif he wille haue no wyn xij d. therfore. Ĩm I wille that the Sexteyn of the Monasterye of Bury, who so be for the tyme, haue yeerly at my yeerday a galon of rede wyn or ellys xij d., to chese of bothe, to take hede that for alle these charges rehersed in this wryting he take sufficient sewrte of the ownener of my place, as is rehersyd afore. Ĩm I yeve and beqwethe and wil that yeerly at the purificac̃on of oure lady callyd candilmesse gilde that the brethryn haue a galon wyn rede, or viij d. therfore, at ther dyner or drynkyng such as they arn vsyd to make, and the Aldirman and dye of the same gilde offre at the messe on my yeerday and to reseyve an oꝺ of mȳ ownener of my place fore here offryng, and for the Aldirman of Bury to reseyve j d. for hym and a thrifty man of the parysh, the preests j d. oꝺ and the owner of my place j d.—iiij d. in all. Ĩm I wil that the priour of dusgylde, who so be for the tyme, haue yeerly at my yeerday a rewle be syde with the parish preest and Seynt Marie preest to do here part at mȳ yeerday and to take hede and calle vpon that these charges above wretyn be yeerly payid and executyd. Ĩm I wil that the good men of Seynt Marie parysh chosen be the Aldirman, Seynt Marie preest, and the owner of my place, as is for rehersid, haue yeerly iiij d. to a pot of wyn to helpe speke and to se that alle these

charges abowe wretyn be dewly and trewly eche yeer ꝑformyd, and that he offre at my yeerday with the Aldirman and the owner of my place: the hoole sūme of alle these ꝑcellys of chargys abowe wretyn comyth but to evene yeerly xliij s̃. iiij đ. and viij đ. more to resurrecc̃on gilde, wiche sūme the v^{xx}. and xiij. acrys of lond, an acre lete for xij đ. wil a quyte and bere out alle charges, and lx s̃. cleer yeerly comyng to hym that shal haue the lond for his labour, and thanne the howsyng, rente and othir londs that is gove and grawntyd to helpe to the seid yeerly charges be syde. It̃m there is vij. acres lond lying by the hiħ weye toward the grendyll, not ferre from Herdwyk, wich vij. acres lĩth in ij. pecys, the endys abbuttyng to ward the sexteyn's medwe, wiche lond my fadir gaf to my sustyr Alis Whitwelle and to the issew comyng of hire, and for defawte of issew the seid lond to remayne to me infysympill, wiche lond Katerine and Jenete my necys be in possession and here eyres comyng of hem [fol. 101] must succede. And if noon issew be of Katerine nor Jenete, thanne the seid lond to remeyne to me and mȳ eyres in fysympil, as is expressid in my fadrys wil, wiche vij. acres of lond I yeve and be qwethe my righ̄ therof to Will^{a}m Baret and to hem that shal succede hym suche as shalbe ownerys of my hefd place, who so be for the tyme, as is wretyn and expressyd in diuerse place; in mȳ seid wil. It' I yeve and be qwethe to mȳ seid hefd place, and to hem that shal ocupyen it, mȳ voyd grownd with oute the Westegate, where as my berne and duffhous sūtyme stood, to helpe to the charges yeerly above seid, eue^{r} to remeyne to mȳ hefd place. It̃m I yeve and assigne to mȳ hefd place and to alle the ocupyers therof, and specially Will^{a}m Baret to be gynne with, my gardeyn with the long tylid hous, fysympil grownd, in punchyslane, except a part of the gardeyn wiche I assigne to the hert of the hop, and whan the place of the hert of the hop is soold I wil mȳ ffeffes and executours, so it hurte not the sale, reserve the gardyn that it may longe to the longe tyled hous, as it did of old tyme, for it longith not to the same place of the hert, wiche I put in the discrecc̃on of mȳ exe-

cutours. Iẗm I grawnte and assigne to Willam Baret, or to hem shalle ocupye my hefd place, the yeers that I haue vndir the coventys seel, payng yeerly iij s. iiij d. to the Sexteyn, for a tenement in punchyslane wt a gardeyn therto, except the halle, the ij. chambrys with the soler above in the ende of the halle toward my gardeyn, and a part of the gardeyn with the prevy, wich part of the gardeyn I put in discrec̃on of mȳ executours to assigne to be leyd out, to this entent I wil that Jone Crattefeld, othir wyse callyd Jone Baret, my nece, doughtir to Willam Baret, my brothir, of Cratfeld, that she haue the seid halle, chambrys, prevy, and the pcelle of gardeyn ꝑme of lyf, and the seid Willam Baret, or he shal ocupye my hefd place, to paye yeerly to my seid nece Jone Baret x s. yeerly terme of hire lif, and he that payith that penc̃on to haue the wayl yt comyth ovir of that part and of fysympil ground therto of the long tylid hous and gardeyn. And in caas be the seid Jone Baret my nece kepe hire sool vnmaryed, because she is agyd, and wil not holde hire content with this, I will thanne she haue terme of hire lif hir dwellyng and hire chambyr in my hefd place, that is to seye in the chambyr next the welle with a dore openyng in to the lane, with esement of the prevy be syde, and esement in leeffull tyme to make hire mete in the chymeny and to warme hire by wtjnne ye kechene, and to haue a part of the gardeyn with fre in-comyng and out-goyng, to sette herbis and to fetche hem whan nede is, esement to the welle to drawe watyr as is necessarie. And if the seid Willam Baret or who so be ocupyere of my hefd place wil fynde the seid Jone Baret my nece mete and drynk, clothyng and beddyng, hosyn and shoes, terme of hire life, and kepe hire stille in the seid hefd place [fol. 101b] paying here yeerly a pencyon of iij s. iiij d. thanne I wil the pencyon of x s. aforseyd be not payid and to hire comfort. Iẗ I wil she haue x. marcs that I hadde of here brethren and certeyn obligacyonys of othir x. marcs that Jeffrey Baret and Robert Baret owyn to me for hire by a composicion and accord maad a twix hem and me for a yeerly pencyon of xx s. wiche that the seid Jeffrey and Robert shulde a

payed to the seid Jone her sustir terme of hire lyf accordyng to here fadrys wil, to whom I was executour vnto, for wiche pencyon they agreyd to paye xx. marc̃, wherof I receyvyd the seid x. marc̃ aforseyd saf x s̃., wiche I pardowne, and so they owe cleer x. marc̃ vpon the obligac̃ons, wich x. marc̃ I cōmytte to mȳ executours and graunte hem mȳ pover to forgeve the seid Jeffrey and Robert of the seid x. marc̃ xxvj s̃. viij d̃. and sumwhat more, if they fynde aweys for the seid Jonete mȳ nece and hire sustir may be made sewr of hire levving p̃me of lyf. And if the seid Will^am Baret, or who that be ocupyere of my hefd place, wyl fynde the seid Jone mete and drynk, clothyng, with other thinges rehersid be fore and longyng in the s̃ hefd place, or in the hous in punchyslane, p̃me of hire lyf, they to haue, who so be for the tyme, the seid x. marc̃ with the residue of the mony that is owyng as mȳ executours wil sette it, and this do with iij s̃. iiij d̃. yeerly to hire, they to haue the seid sūme afore rehersyd be fore ony othir. And if they refuse it, anothir to haue it that wil take vpon hym the seid charge, a discreet and good man, to haue the reule of hire and that longyth to hire, for she can not aldirbest helpe hirself, and therfore I tendyr here the more, and I prey my executours and freendys to do the same. Ite̅m I yeve and qwethe to the seid Jone Baret, my nece, ij. sponys of silvir, a long grene coors of silke harneysid with silvir, and my steynyd cloth w^t vij. agys, and a competent bed with ij. peyre shetys and al othir shetys and stuffe longyng to a bed, such as my executours wil assigne and delyue^r accordyng to here degre, and othir stuff of housshold as they thinkke necessarye for hire. And after that a rewle to be set for hire wher vpo̅n she shal reste and abyde. Ite̅m I yeve and be qwethe to the seid Jone my nece a lityl grene coffre for kerchys, stondyng in my stodye, and a nothir coffre stondyng in my chambyr at Elmyswelle, and if there be ony other stuff cōuenyent for hire I grawunte my executours ful pover to do to hire as ther discrecyon wyl serve hem to doo, p̣vydyng alwey that she be made sewr of hire levving. Ite̅m I wyll and grawunte to Jenete Whitwelle, my nece, terme of

hire lyf, my place w^t the porten^a^nce wich [fol. 102] I bougth of John Notyngh^a^m, where as Thomas Watton dwellyth and John Sadeler, she to paye the rente and repare it. And after dissees I wil it remayngne to Will^a^m Baret, or to the ocupyere of my hefd place, who so be for the tyme, and to eyr malys, vndir the same condiĉon as my hefd place, lond, and rente with other ꝑcellys be syde is assignyd and expressid in writyng be fore to bere diu̇se charges; but I wyl Jenete, my nece, haue terme of lif the seid place, wiche is lete for lxiiij s. be yeer and but ij d. of rente to the Petaunseer. Ite̊m I wil and graunte to the seid Jenete Whitwelle my yeeris that I haue be copy in the medwe at Babwelle terme of hire lyff, and she or ony othir that shall ocupye the seid good I haue assigned to hire afore, ho so be for the tyme, to paye yeerly to my lord abbot of Bury vj s. viij d. for the ferme, and in lykwyse to rewarde my man and my child with wiche clothes and garnementys as I haue be syde, except iij. of my beste gownys, wiche I wil Will^a^m Baret or he that shal occupye my hefd place haue for a remembraunce to thinke vpon me; and if my executours wil rewarde Jeffrey Baret and Robert Baret, or ony othir ꝑsone, with ony array or stuff of mȳ longyng to my body, I graunte hem ful power and cõmytte it to there discrecȳon. Ite̊m I yeve and qwethe to Johñ Aleyn my chyld my beste hors with sadil and brydil, with alle the beste harneys for oon hors longyng therto, a peyre bootys and sporys, a coulyte, and a peyre shetys with blanket℘ therto, and vj s. viij d. Ite̊ if he wil be a preest or a prentys to a craft I wil my executours helpe hym therto with my good℘, and there is a tester with ij. coster℘ smale palyd of bukram blew and bett^o^ blew, with an ymage of oure lady in gold papyr, that I vsed to trusse with me, I wil he haue hem and the selour longyng therto. Ite̊ I wil my executours rewarde hym and mȳ man also with other stuff that longith to mȳ body, and my man a testir of reed and greene. Ite̊m to John Helyngton a blak gowune, a pilwe, and ij. shertys with xx d. Ite̊m I wil that my houshold be kept hool to gedyr with alle mȳ meyne, yif it lyke hem to contynwe so longe, vj. hool wykkys

aftir mȳ dissees, and at the brekyng vp I wil myñ executours and they haue a good dyner to gedyr, to wiche dyner I wil they calle to v. pore men and v. pore women, suych as dwelle nexte mȳ place, and eche of hem to haue j d. and ther mete; and if any bedrede man or woman ly by to be oon of the nowmbre servyd a lyche. Itm I yeve and be qwethe on to the gilde of the t[a]nslacõn of Seynt Nicholas, othir wyse callyd Dusgilde, where inne I was a brothir, xiij s. iiij d. Itm to the frerys of Babwelle eche frere to haue vj d. and to the relef and repacõn of the seid place x s. It to frere Thomas Lakenh[a]m iij s. iiij d. Itm to Maiſ Osberne frer of Clare iij s. iiij d. Itm to the nũnys of Thetford, eche nunne vj d. and to the releef and comfort of the place x s. Itm to the nũnys of Campesey, eche nunne vj d., the p[i]ouresse xij d. and Dame Jone Stoonys iij s. iiij d. and mȳ book of ynglych and latyn with diuerse maters of good exortacons, wretyn in papir and closed [fol. 102[b]] with pchemȳ. Itm to the ffrerys of Thetford, eche hous iij s. iiij d. Itm to eche godsone that I haue xx d. Itm to Jeffrey Baret mȳ neve, of Cratfelde, my siluyr harneysyd baselard. Itm to Thomas Baret his sone, my maseer with a beend and a foot of siluir and ovir gilt. Itm to sere John Cleye my cosyn, and preest with my maiſ Prisote, my boke with the sege of Thebes in englysh. Itm to my lady Walgrave my muske bal of gold with ple and lace, and a litil peyre of bedys of silvir of x. and with a knoppe of gold with ple, a rowund ryng of the kyng silvir. Itm I yeve and be qwethe to Seynt Edmond and his schryne my hevy peys noble, wich weyeth xx s. and my best herte of gold with aungellys and a ruby with iiij. labellys of white innamyl, the seid noble and the seid broche herte of gold to be hange, naylyd, and festnyd vpon the shryne oñ my coste by the avys of mȳ executours wher they and the ffertrerys thynke and fynde a place moost convenient, to the wourshippe of God and Seynt Edmũd. Itm I yeve and beqwethe to Robert Basset, clerc of the Weyhous at London, my best broche next that, an herte of gold iñamelyd, w[t] my serpentȳ knyves. Itm to Elisabet Drury, my wyf, a ryng of gold with an ymage of

the Trinite. Iẗm to Anne Smyth a ryng of gold with bolyonys. Itm, to Thomas Heigh"m the yonger my tablys of ivory, with ymages grave and ymages of gold, with a blak caas thereto. And if he wil not ocupye hem I beqwethe the seid tablees to my mastrees, his wyf, for a tookne to remembre hire husbond, and calle vpon hym to do his part in alle thinges longyng to my testement and wille. Iẗm I yeve and be qwethe to my maistresse Clopton a spoon of berell harneysyd and garnysshed with silvir and ovir gilt. Iẗm to my lady Pool dwellyng at Bermonddysseye a spoon of berel, and to my masᵖ Grene anothir spoon of bereel lych to the tothir, saf they be not garnysshed. Iẗm I yeve and beqwethe to dame Margarete Spurdaunce, of Norwiche, my crucifix, wiche is in my white chambyr; and the selor of cloth on loffte, with the valaunce of scripture abowte the ymage, be nat remevyd ne had awey; and I wil there be maad oñ my cost such anothir crucifix, to be set vp in the white chambir ther the tothir crucifix was. Iẗm I yeve and beqwethe to the seid Dame Margarete a doubyl ryng departyd of gold, with a ruby and a turkeys, with a scripture wretȳ with jnne, for a rememberaunce of oold love vertuously set at alle tymes to the pleseer of God. Iẗm I yeve and beqwethe to the seid Dame Margarete a peyre of bedys with pater ñris of gold, and oñ eche syde of the paᵖñris a bede of coral, and the Aue Maryes of colour aftir marbil with a knoppe, othir wyse callyd a tufft, of blak sylke, and ther in a litil nowche of gold, with smal perle and stoonys, be sekyng the seid Dame Margarete to prey for me, and that she wil vowchesaf if hire doughtir leve longere, than she to have the said bedys aftir hire dissees. [fol. 103] Iẗm I yeve and beqwete to Dame Julyan Lampet, ancresse of Carrowe, xx d. Iẗm to Richard Fest of Bury my beedys of jeet, with ij. paᵖ ñris of crystal, and a ryng with a stoon hangyng on the lace, for rememberaunce of old good felashipp. Iẗm I yeve and beqwethe to my neve Thomas Drury my best purs of silke and gold, and xx li. to put ther jnne, such tyme as mony may be reysid of goods as shal be sold of mȳ, and wil he

be servyd apart with the fyrst, of verray love. Iẗm the seid Thomas to haue my best ryng of gold next mȳ signet, therin is wretyn *Grace me governe* with letteris of J and B, accordyng to my name, innamelid, and a byl, the beste he wil chese of ij. that stonde in my parlor. Iẗm I wil and qwethe to my nece Katerine his wiff, for a tookne of rememberaunce, a gold ryng, wretyn with jnne the gold ryng, *In noi'e Jh'u signo me signo tab.*, and oon of my flat chased pecys wt a kevvr. Iẗm to Anne, the doughtir of the said Thomas Drury, oon of my lowe chased pecys lik to that hire moodir Katerine mȳ nece shal haue, and a litil fetirlok of gold with a lace of perle and smal bedys therto of blak, and a lityll ryng of gold wt an emerowde and a ruby. Iẗ I yeve and beqwethe to John Drury, sone oñ to the seid Thomas and Katerine, oon of my lowe chased pecys and an nowche of gold, wt an amatyst and a saffer wt peerlys hangyng by. Iẗm I geve and beqwethe to Will"m Clopton, sone to John Clopton, my best gypcer, wt iij. bagges, the jemews and the rynges of sylvir, therin wretyn *Grace me governe*, for a tookne he vowchesaf in tyme comyng to shewe his good maistershepe to my wil, as is here expressyd, that it be executyd. Iẗm I wil, with the avys take of such meen as my executours wil calle to hem, that the Rysbygate, wich is moost roynows of the town, be amendid and maad of my coost with fre stoon and bryk, archyd and enbatelyd, substancyally to endure, and a twyx the batilment and the arche in the myddys I wil haue an ymage of oure lady, sittyng or stondyng, in an howsyng of free stoon, and rememberaunce of me besyde, on this condic̃on, so ther be good inow to p̱foorme othir thinges and to content and paye my dettys, wiche afore alle thinges I wil in especyall be tendryd, as God may be plesid and my soule esyd; and that the sydes of the old gate stonde stille, for they be sufficient to stonde and bere suych anewe werk oon lofte; God for-bede and they be steryd for summe mygth fortune to make avers fundac̃on than that is. And if my executours thynkke that brykke be not sufficient to endure, lete it be maad with calyoñ and moorter, but and the

brykke be sewr and good it wille be more comounly welle wrought, wiche I put in the discrec̃on of my executours, and that they take avys of Symkyn Clerc, mason, of this; thus and in caas be [fol. 103 b] mȳ good wil stretche so fre ferre to do it as is wretyn, and ellys to doo lesser cost. Iĩm I yeve and be qwethe my signet of gold, with a pellican and my armys grave ther in, to Will[a]m Baret, to his eyris and to hem that shal be ocupyers of my hefd place for the tyme. Iĩm I wil that there be fowunde with my good a priest a yeer to synge in seynt Marie chirche for the soulys whoos bodyes I haue causyd to lese sylvir in ony vyse in my lyve at ony tyme, and for alle the soulys of alle the ꝑsonys, man, womā, or chyld gen[o]ally that eve[o] I medlyd with, or hadde of ony silvir or good, litil or mekyl, or delyu[o]yd be ony mene in her namys or for hem to me be ony ꝑsone or ꝑsonys, as wel hem that cam nought to my mynde as tho that haue or shal come to mȳ mynde at ony tyme, that God for his mercy they ner I bere nevir no ꝑeel, neythir for the gevving ne for the reseyvvyng for ony matyr that eue[o] I hadde to do with fro the beyynnyng of the wourld in to my deth, preying Almyghty God that they haue part of euery good dede I haue do, or shal be do my lyve, or shall be do aftir my dissees for me in messis syngyng, almesse gevyng, or ony good dede doyng, that they have part therof as wil as my self in relevyng and comfort of here soulys and mȳ. Iĩm I will haue oo yeer a preest to synge at seynt Marie awter w[t] my good for Edmūd Tabowrꝛ sowle, and for my soule, and specially for Edmūd Tabowrꝛ sowle, and Annes soule his wyf, and for alle oure good doers. And if ony mony or stuff be fowunde with me of the seid Edmūd Tabowrꝛ, I wil a preest be fownde ther with o yeer to synge at Redgrave chirche for the seid Edmūd and his wiff and here freendys, and if ony come ovir to dispose it in dedys of charite and almesse. Iĩm I yeve and be qwethe to the sustentac̃on of Jĥc messe xiij s. iiij d. Iĩm I wil if ther be maad an ele ther the vestry is, on the south syde of the chaunsell, as is on the tothir syde, that thanne mȳ executours to do remeve seynt Marie awter just to the

wal on the south syde where as Marie Mawdelyn stondith, and that ymage to be set just ageyn the peleer there I was wont to sitte, his *(sic)* visage toward the Savyour. And if that place be not mete, to sette here ageyn the bowtell there hire light stant, and to haue the seid light abowte hire; and if the seid ele be made and ꝑformyd I wil that in no wyse my kynrede, ne mȳ executours, suffir neyther awtir, reddos, ne arche of the wyndowe to be steryd, but the glas and the foorme of stoon that longith vnto the same wyndowe, be wyse of good masonys, clene to be savyd and take outh, and the arche to stonde stille with alle the werk of the aungellys on lofte wiche I haue do maad for a rememberaunce of me and my frendys, and nevir to put the paryssh to no cost. And wher as the glas stondith now, that place to be opyn and stonde woyde, that men may se throughꝫt out the chirche into the neve ele, and my stool at the graves ende with the deske and ꝑcloos by to be awoydid, and the ground maad as lowe as the chirche floor streyght by the grave to the awter, wher I wil my executours do make a substanciall and a sqwar dore of free stoon, [fol. 104] and if nede be to reyse vp the rerdoos a foote or ij. heygher, and to sette the ymage of oure lady in the myddes of the awter alofte and an aungell on eche syde, and Martyn and Vincent be syde, and that the dore may bere the bem there the iij. kynges be, and the Jesse set vndir our lady with the virgenys afore hire. And the seid dore to be maad as large of wydnesse as may be fro the ende of the awter whan it is remevvyd as wil streche to the syde of the savyo^{r}. And if the parysh lyke to go ꝑcessyon thourgꝫ the north ele, and so forth before the hyꝫ awter, that thanne they may kepe here coors thourgꝫ the same dore in to the chirche ageyn, and to lowe ye grownd that the dore may be of a resonnable heyghte that they may passe with the cros in goodly wyse. And that my executours, ne there executours aftir hem, ne the owner of my hefd place, ho so be for the tyme, that they nevir suffre no werk maad abowte seynt Marie awt̄, tabyll, rerdos, ne retourne of the candilbem, grave, ymage, aungelys, chymes, ne

selour, to be remevyd fro the place they stonde on, contrarye ageyñ my wil rehersyd before, but that our Lord and our Lady and Seynt Martyn with Seynt Vyncent and Marie Mawdelyn may be wourshepid there as of longe contynwaunce out of tyme of mynde hath be vsyd; and if ony wil laboure the contrarye, to calle comfort and helpe of the lordshippe the aldirmã, with othir of the most notable and wourshippfull men of Seynt Marie paryssh, with weel avysid men callyd to of the town. Iẗm I wil that myñ executours whoos namys been expressyd in wretyn in a bylle of ꝑchemyñ and also asselyd with my owune seel of silvir, therin a egle with scripture, wiche bille is closed and annexid to the same rolle in the gynnyng, that mỹ executours as soone as they can and may goodly forth with aftir my disses, withoute ony delay or tarying, make a sale of my place at the popished with alle the portenᵃnces longyng therto, and also my place with taverne next Willᵃm Clyntonys that I bought of Robert Barbours wiff, and also of my place in Mustowe, callyd the Hert of Hoop, with a ꝑcell of gardeyn longyng therto. And the seid places with the portenᵃnces be soold to the verray valew, that with the same mony wiche shal be reysid, growe, and come of the seid good to ꝑforme and fulfille therwith my wil in alle thinges and werkes I haue assigned to be doo, and non to be left, ffor though ther be doo the lessere cost, I wil haue eche thing parformyd as ferre as my good wil stretche, wiche I cõmytte to the discrec̃on and wysdam of my executours to caste be a cownte what mony is sewr to be reseyvvid and what sũme of money it wol come to for to be spent. And that werk that lest nedith to abate a part if the good wil not stretche so fer, and ellys not, for I trust to God ther shall be jnow. Iẗm j yeve and beqwethe to Davñ John Kertelynge, my silvir forke for grene gyngoʳ. Iẗm to Davñ Thomas Framnynghᵃm a peyre bedys of ambyr. Iẗm to Davñ Johñ Attilburgh a pere bedys of ambyr. Iẗm to Robert Harwel j be qwethe my [fol. 104 ᵇ] lytel baselard harneysyd with silvir and a sangweyn schede. Iẗm to Maister Bertilmew my ij. newe knyves entyrmewsyd with silvir, ther in wretyn *Grace me governe.* Iẗm to

Jankyn Smyth my grene bedys with paꝑñris of silvir and ovir gilt with ij. smale ij. corallys bedys by. Iẗm to Jankyn Aylleward iij. old kervyng knywes with white shaftes harneysid with silvir. Iẗ to Maister Herry Hardmã a blak gowune at mȳ intirment and a crucifix of silvir and ovir gilt. Iẗ to Maister Joħn Pike a peyre bedys of ambir with a ryng of gold wretyn and innamelyd, for a tookne. Iẗm to Davñ Thomas Croftys a peyre bedys of ambyr. Iẗm to John Baret, with the Abbot of Seynt Benettys, my swerd and my bokeler, the gerdill harneysid with bokel and pendaunth of silvir, and my tepet of blak sarsenet. Iẗm to Thomais Brews esquiyer my crampe ryng with blak innamel and a part silvir and gilt. Iẗm to John Croftys, w^{t} my Lord of Bury, my bedys of calsydony. Iẗm to Thomas Cranewyle my bende for an hat of blak sylk and silvir. Iẗ to John Coote my bende of whit boon with smale bedys of grene. Iẗm to Thomas Edon my girdyl of tawny silk with poyntes of nedil werk. Iẗm to Thom̃ Gerad my litil daggere. Iẗm to Rog̃ Ayllemer my whistel of silvir. Iẗm to maiſ̃ Robert Lawshull my book called *Disce mori*. Iẗ to Will^{a}m Lawshull my botorꝑcle set in gold with nedil werk. Iẗm to John Odh^{a}m mȳ march^{a}untys powche of ledir wrought with silk. Iẗm to Kateryne Druy my best gay cuppe of erthe kevvryd, or ellys oon of the frerys, to chese of bothe. Iẗ to Will^{a}m Sennowe oon of my short gownys, a good oon wiche as is convenient for hym, and my russet hood, with a cuppe of erthe, oon of the ffrerys. Iẗ I wil bothe my colers of silvir, the Kyng's lyfre, be sold, and the money disposid in almesse for Edmũd Tabowrꝑ soule and his frendys, to recompẽse broke silvir I had of his to oon of the colerys and othir things with othir stuff be syde wiche I took to mȳ owne vse. Iẗm I yeve and beqwethe to the chirche and stepill of Rough^{a}m iiij ſ. of silvir. Iẗ to the stepil of Nethir Rekynggale iij ſ. iiij d. Iẗm to Thomas Valys sone dwellyng at London with Thomas Cook vj ſ. viij d. for recompence of a pece veyed more than my dewte cam to, as Rog̃ Cheney knowith. Iẗ I wil that if no redy mony to content hem that I

haue be set to hastyly to be payid, I wil that they may best abyde to be entretyd and suffir til it may be had. Item j be qwethe to maistr John Nichole, pson of Martyn Fornham, a peyre bedys of jeet with a ryng of laton and gilt with a stoon and a reed lace with a knoppe of the same. It j beqwethe to John Elys, wrytere, sũtyme mȳ man, a gowune of blak at mȳ intirment and iij s. iiij d. And to Anneys his wyf at my intirment a gowune of blak and xx d. It j yeve and be qwethe to the repacõn of my lordys werk and to the chirche x. marc. It to Clement [fol. 105] Drury my browne cuppe of erthe curyd. It j wil that my executours, suche as shall occupie, shall make a clere declaracõn and a trewe accountys yeerly, whil they occupye, of alle suche goodꝫ that they reseyve of mȳ by vertu of this myn intestement, to the resydewe of my executours, and to mȳ supvysours, for here trewe acquytaylle. And j wil and charge my seyd executours that noon of hem p̄sume to do ony thyng alloone with ony of my seid goodꝫ withowte the avys of alle his felaas, or at the leste of the most part. And j wil, as is seid be forn, that John Clopton esquyere be my supvisour and as oon of my executours in eche matr that longith to my testement, and he to haue a gowune. Executours of this my testement and last will I ordeyne, make, and name thes v. psonys, Thomais Drury, Thomais Heigham ye yonggere, maistir Willam Qweyth, Adam Newhawe, John Coote jentylman; and supvysour I ordeyne and make John Clopton esqwyer and executour, to wiche Clopton I beqwethe xls. and a peyre bedys of sylvir wt x. avees and ij. patñris of sylvir and gilt, and a gowune cloth of blak ageyn my intirment. It j beqwethe to my executours T. Drury, T. Heigham, M. W. Qweyth, A. Newhawe, and John Coote jentilman, to eche of hem xxxiij s. iiij d. and eche of hem a peyre of bedys of sylvir wt x. avees and ij. patn'ris of sylvir and gilt, lyche to the tothir, and a gowune cloth of blak to eche of hem. It j wil they do make a book of papyr to wryte in expensis, what mony is reseyvyd, disposid, and payid, and that maistr Willam Qweyth and John Coote jentilmã wryte, sumtyme

oñ of hem and sũme tyme the todyr, alle man⁹ ꝑcellys of resseyt and paymentꝭ, desiryng John Coote jentilmã, be ye avys and supportac̃on of ye survio^r and my executours to be redy in rydyng, goyng, and laboryng to the ꝑformyng and executyng of my seid testament and last wil in alle things ꝑteynyng therto; and that my executours ꝑfoore and do make Seynt Marie awt̃, Rysbygate, and ye croos beforn my gate, w^t alle other things as be expressyd and wretyn in my seyd testement and last wil, and that the make levy of my dettys, and of the mony that shalbe payid for swyche goodꝭ as shalbe sold. And for as moche as maist̃ Will^am Qweyth and Adam Newhawe be inhabytyd and dwellyng in Bury, I wil the mony y^t is reysid and reseyvyd be delyueryd and reste in the handys and kepyng of ye seid maist̃ Will^am Qweyth and Adã Newhawe tyl suche tyme as there felas come togedyr to make a rekenyng, as right and good cõcyens wil requyre. And non of hem to bere no cost in no wyse of here owune goodꝭ, but of mȳ, and he that laborith most to be rewardyd theraftir. And y^t ye suꝑvisour take heed helpe and see al this be do, as j truste fully in God in mȳ executours and hȳ y^t alle thingꝭ shal be ꝑformyd accordyng to my seid testemẽt and last wil. It̃ for asmoche as this wryting is in a bille annexid to myn testement and last wil, therfore j wil it be wretyn woord for woord in the rolle [105^b] that my testement and last wil is in, aftir the probat be maad, wiche probat j wil haue sewirly set to the oñ part and gȳnyng of mȳ testement and last wil, and he that registerith it to haue a cõpetent reward for his labo^r, and that this forseyd wryting be registerid also. Residuū oĩm bonoꝝ meoꝝ suꝑi⁹ nõ legat̃ do et lego et cõmitto executoribꝫ meis suꝑius noĩatꝭ et eoꝝ assignatꝭ ad vendenđ et denarios inde leuatos cū dict̃ pecunia debit̃ mea soluenda et disponenđ ꝑ aĩabꝫ pr̃is et matris mee et ꝑ aĩabꝫ oĩm parentũ et bñft̃oꝝ ñroꝝ ac oĩm fideliū defunctoꝝ in sustentac̃one p⁹sbit̃oꝝ visitac̃one et releuac̃one pauꝑũ et alioꝝ pietatꝭ oꝑū ꝑut ip̃i viderint aĩabꝫ ñris salubri⁹ expedir̃. Hui⁹ autem test̃i mei et mee vltime voluntatꝭ meos constituo execut̃ ꝑut sup^a patꝫ in capite istius test̃i

et vltime mee voluntat̄ ꝑpⁱa manu conscript̄ annexat̄ et nouꝰit̄ et sub sigillo me ꝑpⁱo argenteo signat̄. Dat̄ die loco et anno Dñi supᵃdict̄. Hiis testibꝫ, Mr̃o Henrico Hardmã, Wiłłmo Mogrown capełł et Joħne Elys.

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Baldwin Coksedge, of Felsham, Gentleman.—1467.

In Dei noīe Amen. Ego Baldewinꝰ Coksedge de Felshᵃm gentilman sane mentꝭ ac bone memorie existens ap̃d Felshᵃm ꝑdc̃am octauodecimo die Marcij Aᵒ dñi Miłłmo ccccᵐᵒ lxvijᵐᵒ condo testã meū in hunc modū. In pⁱmis lego aĩam meã Deo omñpotenti ƀe Mᵉ Virg̃ et omñbꝫ sc̃is corpꝰ ꝗ meū ad sepelienđ in cimit̃eo ecc̃e de Felshᵃm ꝑdict̄ ꝑpe ostiū cancełł ex ꝑte austrał ꝑ antecessores meos. It̄ lego sūmo altar̃ dc̃e ecc̃ie xx đ. It̄ volo qᵈ executores mei disponant ꝑ aĩa Joħis Mūnyng quonđ Rect̄ dc̃e ecc̃ie xx đ. It̄ volo qᵈ execut̄ mei disponant ꝑ aĩa Joħis Sterre nuꝑ Rect̄ dc̃e ecc̃ie xx đ. It̄ lego Kaꝺine Coksedge moniali de Redlyngfeld vj s̃. viij đ. It̄ lego Margarete Coksedge sorori mee quĩꝗ soliđ. It̄ volo qᵈ Dionisia vx̃ mea ħeat meam nouã ollam eneã et optĩam patellã meã eneã ꝑ term̃ vite sue. Et post decessū eius volo qᵈ ꝑdcã olla enea cū patella remaneat Georgio filio meo et assign̄ suis. It̄ volo qᵈ optiã vetꝰa olla mea enea vendatʳ ꝑdc̃e Dionisie et pecunias inde lego Eđo filio meo. It̄ lego eiđm Eđo magnū vrciolū meū eneū. It̄ volo qᵈ ꝑdc̃s Eđs ħeat ij. zonas de ceria harnizat̄ cū argent̄ et aur̃. Itē dono Eđe Davit Dionisie matri sue vj s̃. viij đ. Et residuū inde distribuaꝺ ad discrec̃ suā inꝺ filia smeas si necesse ħent. Et si obier̃ distribuaꝺ ꝑ aĩabꝫ nr̃is et ꝑ quibꝫ tenentꝰ. It̄ lego Margarete filie mee duos oues vnã patellã eneã vnū cooꝑtoriū et vnū par linthiam̃. It̄ lego Margerie filie mee duas oues vnā patellã eneã vnū cooꝑtoriū et vnū par linthiam̃. It̄ lego Georgio filio meo vnū cooꝑtoriū et vnū par linthiam̃. It̄ lego Roberto filio Joħis Coksedge vnū agnū et medieṫ qʳt̄ frumēti. It̄ lego unā vaccā sufficient̄ ꝑ ijƀꝫ cereis ardent̄ corã jmagine ƀe Mᵉ in cancella sc̃i

Petri eccĩe de Felsh^{a}m p̊dict̄ impp̄uū duratur̄. It̄ lego Dionisie vx̄ mee vnã paruã ollam eneā et vnā paruã patellā eneā ꝑ term̄ vite sue. Et post decessū eius volo q^{d} dc̄a olla enea cum patella remaneant Margerie filie mee. It̄ lego dc̄e Dionisie vx̄ mee medieṫ catałł meoꝝ ad sustentac̄oem suam et om̄ibꝫ suis p'mis juvenis. It̄ lego Alicie Goderyche filiole mee xx đ. It̄ lego cuiliƀt filioloꝝ et filiolaꝝ meaꝝ qui nouer̄ duodecim denar̄. It̄ ordino et constituo meos veros et fideles executores meos Dionisiā vx̄ meã et Eđm Coksedge filiū meū ac Joħem Nune. It̄ ordino, facio et constituo inde esse suꝑuisores Henricū Straunge armiger̄ et Joħem Chapmã de Schotle. Residuū vero et oĩm bonoꝝ meoꝝ non legatoꝝ lego et assigno executoribꝫ meū suꝑius noĩat̄ ad vendenđ, recipienđ et disponenđ ꝑ aĩa mea et aĩabꝫ ꝑ quibꝫ teneor in missar̄ celebracõne et elemosinis largicõe et alijs oꝑibꝫ caritatiuis vt ip̄i vider̄ Deo melius placere et aĩe mee expedir̄. In cui⁹ rei testĩōiū huic testamēto meo sigillū meū apposui. Hijs testibꝫ, Joħe Nune sen^{r}, Wiłło Ramsey, Roƀto Gentilmã, Joħe Moor et Wiłłmo Boteler de Felsh^{a}m p̊dict̄. Dat̄ die, loco et anno dñi sup^{a}dict̄.

Hec est vltĩa mea voluntas. That I Baldewyn Coksedge of Felsh^{a}m, gentilman, beynge in holle mynde and good memorie at Felsh^{a}m aforseyd, the v^{te} day of the monyth of Jule the yeer of owr Lorde M^{l} cccc lx and ix^{ne}, do take and on̄ myñ testament be fore made. Fyrste, I wyll that myn detts be plen̄ly paied. And I will that Denyse myñ wyffe have xx s̄. for her dower, and myn place callyd Upwode Hall, otherwyse callyd Coksedgys, in Felsh^{a}m aforseyd, durynge the tyme of here lyfe. And I will that the seid Denyse haue the new hows callyd a parlure, wyth the kechyn, and the chamberys ꝑteynyng to the seid ꝑlure and kechyn, in myn seid place duryng here lyffe, yf she will leve sowle withowth an husbonde; and I will that the seid Denyse haue the lytill gardyn on the estsyd of the seid parlure, betwen the seid parlure and chambrys on that on party and the qwyk heige set frome the gate

on to the hall doore on that othir party, duryng here lyfe as it is aforseid; and I will that the seid Denyse have halle the gardyn on the westsyd of the seid parlure and chambris, with alle the curtelage on the westsyd of myn place wyth jnne the moote, from the kechyn doore on to the pertre, and from the pertre onto westend of the bakhows, and soo forthe to the moote syde, with all the comedities wythyn the seid gardyn and curtelage growyng and beyng, as in herbagis, frutꝭ, fedyngis, and fyssshyngꝭ in the moote, and the frute of the seid pertre and of an appultre stondyng in the same cours, fallyng wythin the seid curtelage, and other ꝑfytens wythout dystruccyon or kyttynge down of treis durynge here lyfe as is afforseid. And I will that the seid Denys haue here esement in the bakhows in lawfull tyme for bruynge, for bakyng, and for dreiynge of malte, and a stabyll within the moote, and here esement in the maltynghows joyned therto, withys condicyon, that the ocupier of myn seid place shall haue his wetyng of his barly in the fate of the seid Denyse duryng maltyng tyme, that is for to sey, the seid Denys on wetyng and the seid occupier an other wetyng. And also the goyng of hennys and fowlys clovefotyd as it plese the seid Denys resonabily, with tweyn hoggꝭ goyng, and free jncomyng and free owtgoyng in lawfull tyme too and froo the seid parlure, kechyn, bakhows, stabyll, maltynghows, gardynys and curtelage, with here caryages of all manꝰ of thyngs suche as she nedyth at both breggis, well and in pees, wythowte ony jnpedyment of the ocupier of myñ seid place duryng here lyfe as it is aboueseyd. And I will that the seid Denyse haue of the occupier of myn seid place for the seid parlure, kechyn, chambrys, bakhowse, stabyll, maltynghows, gardineys, and curtelage, yf she will dwell wyth ony of here doughterys, or in ony other place lefull, or to be maryed well at here frendis wyll, yeerly vj ſ. viij d. be syde here dowr afforseyd duryng here lyfe as it is aboveseyd. And I wyll that John myn sone haue myn seid place callyd Upwode Halle, otherwyse callyd Coksedgys, in Felsh^{a}m afforseyd, wyth alle the apporteñns, except alle that is ex-

cepte in this myn seid wylle, and vppon that I will that alle myn feffeis see that myn wylle in alle wyse be fulfellyd; and yf the seid John will not paye the mony that he owith for the ferme of the seid place, or shall owe accordyng to the coueñnte3 of his endentur, or yf he will not paye his modyr the mony for her dower afforseyd, or yf he wold let any parte of here esements as it is afforseyd, I will that myn feffeis and myn executo^rs entre vppon hym and put hym owth, and kep hym owt tyll he wyll fynde suerte to be in pees and paye his duete; and aft^er the dysses of the seid Denys, and aftyr that myn seid wyll be fulfellyd, I wylle that myn executo^rs and myn feffeis see the best mene that they can in restoryng ageyn to the olde intaile of the seid place. And I wyll that the seid Denys haue myñ teñt callyd Geernys withalle thapporten^ance terme of hyre lyfe, and aftyr the dysses of the seyd Denys the seid teñt to remayne to myñ sone Edmūde and to his heyrys and assigneis for eu̅moore. And I will that the seid Denys have alle the landys, medewes, pasturys, and fedyngys callyd Southwode and Walymerche, the wyche I bougth of Piers of Stonh^am, with alle thapporten^ance duryng here lyfe; and aftyr here desses I wille that the seide londys, medewes, pasturs, and fedyngis remayn to myn sone George and to his heyers and assigneis for eu̅more. And I will that myn doughter Anneys [have] the ferme of alle the londys callyd Mekyll Southfyld, conteynyng viij acrys be estymacyon, liyng on the sowth party of myn londe callyd Meryeakyr and Brookhallende, and j crofte with a pece medewe conteynyng iiij acrys be estymac̃on, the wyche I bought of Syre John Gooderyche, preste, and the seid viij acrys withe the seide iiij acrys abbuttyn vppon myn lane toward the weste, and j crofte liyng vppon the westsyde of John Skott̨e, sūtyme callyd Dychehows, with a pees of pasture liyng the nether ende of the seide crofte, conteynyng iij acrys more or lesse be estymac̃on, and the londe callyd Lytyll Southfeld liyng vppon the northe syde of Brokhallende on that on partye, and the lond of Roberd Gentilman on that other partye, the wiche I bought of John of Dyche, Wat̃ Moore, and John of Moore of Felsh^am afforseide, and an other pees of londe liyng

on the westsyde of the Otecrofte, otherwyse callyd Cotelerys crofte, with a pees of medewe liyng betwene the medewe of the seid Robert Gentilman on that on partye and the medewe of William Cotelerꝭ on that other parte, tylle the sũme of vij marke be levyed for the seid Anneys. And I wyll that myn executorꝭ kepe the seid vij marke till the husbond of the seide Anneys wyll make a lawfull estat and feffement of his londys and teñtes for terme of lyfe of the seide Anneys onto suche ꝑsonys as been his frendys and here bothe, as of iij, v, vij, or ixne, as ij, of here kyn and j of his. And yf soo be that he will not make suche estate, thane I wyll that the seide sũme be kept tyll aftyr his dysses, yf it happe hym to dysses be for here. And yfe he wolde make his will contrary to the couenaⁿte of the fyrste feffement that she shulde not haue the seide londys and teñtis ꝑme of hir lyfe, than I will that myn heyres and myn executorꝭ make the best mene of plee that they can for the recouꝰe of the seid londys and teñtys acordyng to thastate that shulde be made at the tyme of the maryage makynge, with seide vij marke; and yfe it happe here to dysses be for hym, than I wille that she dysposyt as she and her frendys thynke beste. Iꝭ I wyll that the ferme of the seide londys, medews, and pasture bee for namyd, qwan the seid vij marke is levied for myn doughtyr Anneys, goo to my doughter Margaret tyll the sũme of x marke be levied for the seid Margaret; and aftꝰ the said x marke is so levyed for the seid Margaret, than I will that the ferme of the seid londys, medews, pasture, bee for namyde go to myñ doughter Margerye tyll the sũme of x marke be levyed for the seid Margerye; and aftꝰ the seid x mr̃c is so levyed for the seid Margerye, than I will that if it happe ony of myn seide doughterys to die onmaryed, than the seid ferme of the seide londis, medewis, and pasturys, levyed in the manꝰ of furme aboueseyd, bee evenly departyd betwene all myn other chylderyn levyng. And I will that the seid viij acrys of londe, callyd Mekyll South feld, aftꝰ the seid mony is soo levyed for myn seide doughterys be fornamyd, goo to the forseide Denys myn wyfe ꝑme of hyre lyfe,

yf she will leve sowle, and ellys not, and afꝑ the disses of the seide Denys than I will that the seide viij acrys remayne to myn seide place callyd Coksedgys ꝑpetually wythoughten ende. And j will that the seide crofte and medewe late of the seide Sir John Goderyche preste, aftyr the seyde money is levyed for myn seid doughterys be for namyd, goo to the forseide Denys myn wyfe duryng here lyfe, and afꝑ here disses I will that the seide crofte and medewe remayne to myn sone Edmūd and to his heyers and assigneis for eu̅; withought that the seid George myn sone and his feffes will make astate on to the seid Edmūd of the seid londys called Lytille Southfeld, to holde to hym and heyers and his assegneis for eu̅, than I will that the seid crofte and medewe be solde, and the mony therof to be euenly departyd be twene the seid Edmūd and George, and ellys the seid Edmūd to haue the seide crofte and medewe as it is be forseyde, and the seide George to haue the seide londe callid Lytill Southfeld to hym and to his heyers and assigneis for eu̅. And I will that the forseide crofte vndir Scottys, wythe seyde pees of pasture at the nedyr ende of the seide crofte, aftyr the seide doughterys be fully payed in the manꝰ of furme be for rehersyd, goo to the forseyd Denys myn wyfe ꝑme of hyr lyfe, as it is be for seide; and afꝑ the disses of the seid Denys than I will that the seide crofte and pasture remayne to myn forseide place callid Coksegys ꝑpetually withoghten ende. It̄ I will that afꝑ myñ forseid doughterys be payde in the manꝰ and furme aboueseide that the seid londys callid Lytyll Southfeld goo to the forseide Denys my wyfe ꝑme of here lyfe, and afꝑ here disses I will that the seid londys remayne to myñ sone Edmūd and to his heyers and assigneis yf the seide George and the feffeis will delyu̅e astate vnto the seid Edmūd, and ellis be it as it is be forseide. And I will that afꝑ my forseid doughterys be soo payed in the manꝰ and furme abouesyde the seid pees of londe liyng on the westsyd of the Ote crofte, togedyr withe seid pees and medewe therto liyng, remayne to myñ sone Edmūd and to his heyers and assigneis for eu̅more. And I will that the seid Edmūd myñ sone haue the iiij

oblygacyons that I toke onto hym to make therof qwat that he can in myñ name, and that myn executoʳs avowe hym in his suet and make hym a letꝑ of attorney if nede be. Itē I will that vij pens eerly rente, the wyche is not conteynyd in myñ dede of entayle, remayne onto myn seid place ppetually withoughten ende. Itē I wylle that forseyd John myñ sone haue alle the goodys and cataīt that be comprehendyd in his endenture wythougten ony clayme of myñ executoʳs. Itē I will that the forseid Denys myñ wyfe, John Nune, and Edmūde myñ sone, be myn executoʳs, and Henry Straunge sqwyer, John Chapman of Shottele, to be myñ supvysorys· In wittenesse qwherof I haue set to myñ seele. Thes wittnesse, John Nune the elder, William Ramsey, Robert Gentylman, John Moor, and Willyam Coteler, of Felshᵃm afforseid. Gevyn the day, place, and yeere aboueseyd.

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Roger Rokewoode, of Euston, Squier.—1479.

In Dei noïe Amen. I Roger Rokewoode, of Euston, squier, in in the counte of Suff. and in the diocese of Norwyche, in myn hoole mynd beyng, make my testament and laste will the laste day of Apryīt the yeer of owre Lord God A. Mᶦcccclxxix, and the yeer of the regne of Kyng Edward the iiijᵗᵉ afꝑ the conquest of Ynglond xix, vndꝰ this fourme and condicyon folowyng: First, I bequethe myn sowle to Allmygthy God, to oure lady vʳgyne Seinte Marye, and to alle the holy company of hefne, and my body to be beryed in the pariche cherche of Euston be for the chaunsell dore by syde the pue. Also I reuok and annulle alle other wylles by me by fore made. Also I bequeth to the hygh auter of the seid cherche of Euston xl s̄. Also I bequethe to the Nonnes of Thetford x s̄. to sey a dirige for my sowle. Also I will that the Blake Fryeres of Thetford, and the Frere Austynes of the same town, and the Grey Freres of Babwell, eche hous haue x s̄. to sey a trentall for

my soule. Also I will that euꝝy housold keper in the town that I dwelle jnne haue at the day of myn burying iiij d. Also I will that euꝝy poure man that comyth to my threty day haue j d. Also I will that by the dyscrecion of myn supvisours and executors that ther be chosen xx^ti good pristes, and eche of them haue xx d. to sey v meses and v diriges for my soule and alle my frendes soules, so that fayle nat of an hundrid messes and an hundred diriges w^tjnne a monyth afꝛ my decesse. Also I will that Alys my wyffe haue myn maner of Euston called Lityle Halle w^t alle the ꝑten^anc̄ terme of her lyfe, prayng and desiryng her that w^t ꝑcelles of the ꝑfightes of the same maner she fynde a pryste duryng the terme of vij yeer to syng and to pray in Euston cherche for my soule, the soule of the seid Alice, and alle my frendes soules. And yf it so be that the seid Alice shall or wele lete the seid maner w^t thapꝑten^anc̄ to ony ꝑsone duryng the terme of her lyfe, thane I wille that my sone Roberd Rokewood haue the seid maner with thapꝑtenñce3s in fourme duryng the lyfe of the seid Alice as itt̄ aggreyd as welle by me and the seid Alice as by the seid Roberte, payng therfor yeerly to the seid Alyce ꝓme of her lyfe x marcs at too ꝓmes of the yeer, Esterne and Mychellmess, by euyn porcyon, and also the seid Roberd shall paye the wages of a priste syngyng for my soule, the soule of the seid Alyce, and alle my frendes soules, in the cherche of Euston, durynge the ꝓme of the seid vij yeers, and the seid Alice therof discharge, yf she leue so longe, and in case be that she discess w^tjnne the ꝓme of vij yeers, thane I will that the seid priste be founde the residue of the seid vij yeers w^t my loose godes, so that I fayle not of a priste duryng the ꝓme of vij yeers nexte ensuyng afꝛ my decess. And also ouer that the seid Roberd shall beer alle oute rentys and sꝝuices of olde tyme charged vpon the seid maner to the chief lordes of the same fee due and accustomyd duryng the seid ꝓme, and alle repacyonys of hegges and houses repayre as nede shall require by alle the seyd ꝓme, prouided alleway that yfe my sone Roger Rokewoode wele haue the seid maner w^t thapꝑtenñce3 duryng the ꝓme of the life of the seid Alice, beryng

yeerly therfor as the seid Robert shuld do in maner and fourme aboue expressed, thane I wille he haue it as wele by my wille as by the aggrement of my seid wyfe Alice and my sone Robert therto bothe assentyd. And aft̄ the decess of the seid Alice, I will that the seid maner shall remayne to the jssues of my body lawfully begoten accordyng to the tayle therof made. Also I wylle that my sone Roberte haue my fermes of Cokfeldꝑ, in Euston, wt thapp̄tenñceȝ, wt alle other londes and teñteȝ and rentes and sꝰuiseȝ wt thapp̄tenñceȝ weche I haue in ferme of Willam Brygges squier, in Euston and other towunes lying by. Also I wyll that he haue alle manꝰ fermes that I haue, excepte the ferme of Ryngmer Grange, payng therfor to the yeerly to the owners therof as I do, so that yf my son Roger will take vpon hym the ocupacyon of my manꝰ in Lityl Halle in manꝰ and fourme aboue expressed of his moders lyfe, thane as welle by my wylle as by the aggrement of the seid Alice and Robert the same Roger to haue the seid fermes, doyng therfor as the seid Robert shuld do. Also I wille that my wyfe Alice haue xxiiij ł̄i. Also I will that yf my son Roger trouble [or] lett not this my will, but suffre my executors pesably to ocupye my loose goodes, and Alice my wife or her fermoure my seid manꝰ in forme lymyted, thanne I will that he haue xxiiij ł̄i. and yf he lette this my will or testament in ony poynte therof, thanne I wyll he haue no peny therof, but it be disposed for my soule and my frendes in good vses. Also I will and beqweth to Thomas Rokewoode my son my mees called Baas, and also my mees called Nottes and Coles in the toun of Euston; also a cloos called Scottes cloos, lying by the teñment of the seid Thomas called Pakmannes on the west parte, and the cloos of Willam Brygges called Blabettys on est parte, the southe hede therof abbuttyth vppon the wey ledyng from Euston Mylle to Rosshworthe, and the northe hed abbuttyth vpon the comown of Euston ledyng in to the Wroo; also xxxvj acres and iiij rodes of londe divided lying in the feldes of Euston to the seid meeses by longyng, and the weche I late purchased wtjnne the same toun of Euston. Also the same Thomas shall haue a cloos called

Phelippes lying by the cloos of Willm Brygges called Blabettȩ, on the west parte, and the cloos of the man^r of Lityle Halle called Phelippes on the est syde, the northe hede abbuttyth vppon the comown of Euston, and the south hede abbutteth vppon the comoun wey ledyng frome Euston Mille to Rosshworthe, to haue and to holde to the seid Thomas his heyrs and his assignes for cu^rmore. Also I wille that the same Thom^as haue xij li. of lawfull money, iiij keen, ij hors, by the assigmente of my executors. Also I beqweth to Robert myn son, my teñmentȩ called Calfes and Northes, with alle the londes and pastures, fedynges, rentes, and s^ruice3 to the seid teñtes ꝑteynyng, lying in Sapston, w^t the fraunchyse of faldes of ijcc shepe to eche of the seyd teñtȩ bylongyng. Also an acre londe inclosed, late purchased of Water Dey, to haue and to hold to the seid Robert to his heyres and assignes for eu̅more. Also I beqweth to the seid Robert xxiiij li. of lawfull [money], vj keen, iiij horses, a brasse potte, ij brass pannes, on conteynyng xvj. galoūnes and the tother ix galoūnes, vj pewter dysshes, iiij sawsers of pewter, and iij platerys of pewr. Also a fether bedde, a traunsom, a cou̅lygth, a peyer chetes, a peyer of blankettys, and the hangyngs of a bedde called the blew bedde, incontynent aft̄ my decess. Also I beqweth to the seid Robert, to the helpe of the purchas of Rawlyn Barettȩ londes, or ony other londes and teñtes were the seid Robert can best purvey to be sette his mony, xx li. Also I wylle that Ely3beth Cokett my dougther haue xij li. Also I will that Edmund Rokewood, my son Roger's son, haue the ferme of Ryngmer to the terme of myn yeres of any gr^aunte. And also the same Edmund haue cccc weders in my flokke of Ryngmer; also a fether bedde, a cou̅lyte, a peyer of shetys, a peyer of blankettȩ, and the hangyngȩ therto. Also I will that my executorȩ make a new rooff to the cherche of Euston and ledyd. Also I will that my sone Roger haue a teñte called Jakelynes, a mees called Pachettȩ, and an other mees called Coles, adioynand togedyr in Euston, by the teñte of Will^am Brygges called Blankpaynes on the north syde, and a mees called Gamelynes on the south syde, the este hede abbuttyth vppon the wey ledyng from Euston

cherche toward Thetford, and the weste hede abbuttyth vppon the medwe of Lytle Halle, to haue and to holde the seid teñt and ij meeses adioynand lying togedyr, to the seid Roger and his heyres and assignes for eu̅more, in recompensacion of and for a cloos called Scottꝭ by for byquestyd to Thomas my sone sumtyme by longyng to my seyd man̅ of Lytle Halle. Werfor I pray, requyre, and desire my feoffes weche haue estate in the seid teñte and ij meeses make noon estate therof to my seid sone Roger tylle tyme that suffycent and lawfull euydens of eschaunges be made by twyx my seid sone Roger and my seid sone Thomas as moste beste can be advysed by ther bothens counseil. And yf eu̅ my seid sone Roger or his heyers entre and putte oute my seid sone Thomas or his heyers of the seyd cloose called Scottꝭ, than I will that my said sone Thomas, his heyres and assignes, entre into the seid teñte and ij meeses lying togedyr called Jakelynes, Coles, and Pachetts and the ten[a]ntes ther pute owte and vtꝛly therof for eu̅more dyscharge. Also I beqweth to the seid Roger myn sone a pece of sylu̅e w[t] a curyng of syluyr haueyng a knoppe aboue, to the p̅me of his lyffe, and afꝛ his decess I wille he leue the same pece w[t] the curyng to Edmūd his sone. And alle the residwe of alle my goodes and dettys aboue not bequestyd or ellys in myn lyfe not deptyd and assigned lyuered w[t] my owne handes I geue and beqweth to myn executors that they schall dyspose them in dedys of charyte as they shall seme beste to plese God in dyschargyng ther concyens ayens God, by the avyse and discrecyon of John Clopton theyelder and Will[a]m Clopton his son, esquieres, qwhome I make and ordeyn supuisourꝭ of this my testament and last wyll, praying them as my feythfull truste is in them that they helpe and comforte my wyffe Alice in her rygth as myn executors, qwom I ordeyn and make Roꝺt Rokewood myn son and Johne Bacoun of Hessett in the execucion of this myn last wyll and testement. Also I beqwethe to eyther of myn executors xl s. Into the wiche wyttenesse to theyse p̅sentez I haue putto myn seale. Thes wyttenesses, masꝛ Richard Stubbys clerke, bacaler in diuinitie, and Will'm Pecoke,

chapeleyn. Youen at Euston aboueseyd the day and yeer aboueseyd.

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Joħn Smyth, of Bury, Esquyer.—1480.

In Dei noïe Amen. In the name of God Amen. I Joħn Smyth, of Bury Seynt Edmūde, esquyer, the xij. day of Decembyr, the yere of oure Lord God M¹cccc lxxx, beyng of good and holle mynde, make, ordeyne, and constitute myn testament and laste wille in maner and forme folwyng, in this maner wyse: Furst, I beqwete and comende myn soule to allmythty God, to his most blyssyd moder oure Lady Seynt Marye, and to alle the seyntys of hevyn, and myn body to be buryed in the chirche of oure lady in the towune of Bury before seyde, in the north ele, be fore the dore of the awughter of Seynt John. And as for myn wille or testement be me maad before the date of this myñ last wyll and testament I vttirly reuoke and annulle them and will not y^t ony man take ony benyfyes be them, but they be vttyrly voyde and of non effecte. Also I beqwethe to the high aughter of the chirche of oure lady befornseyde for myn oblaciouns and tithis forgete and not payed xx s̄. Also I beqwethe and geve to the priour of Bury befornseyd and to his successoure3 mȳ beste stondyng cuppe of syluer and gylte. Also I beqwete to the sexteyn of the seyd monasterie xx s̄. Also I be qwethe to euery brother of the covent be syde these ꝑsones, y^t be preste3 vj s̄. vij d̄. And to alle other that be no ꝑstees iij s̄. iiij d̄. Also I be qwethe to the ffrere3 of Babbewell xiiij ħi. Also I beqwete to the ffryere3 of Sudbury xx s̄. Iť I byqwest to the ffryere3 of Clare xx s̄. Iť I beqweth to eche hous of the ffryere3 of Thetford xx s̄. Iť I beqwethe to the Nunne3 of Redyngfeld, to be distribute amonge them for to prey for my soule xl s̄. Also I be qwethe to the Nunnys of Thetford for to be distribute among them xx s̄. Also I beqwethe to the

Nunnys of Brosȝerde to be distribute among the conuent for to pᵃy for mȳ soule lxvj s. viij d. Also I beqwethe to dawne Margarete ȝaxle, susᵖ of the same howse, x. marke. Itē I beqwethe to Alys ȝaxle x. marke. Itē I beqwethe to Phelip ȝaxle x. marke. Itē I beqwethe to the Nunnys of Some, in Cambregge shere, for to be distribute among them for to pᵃy for myn soule xx s. Also I beqwethe to the Nunnys of Iklyngton to be distribute among them xx s. Itēm I beqwethe to the priour and cōuent of Ixworth for to be distribute among them for to pᵃy for mȳ soule xl s. and other xl s. to the repacion of the same place. Also I beqwethe to the Nunnys of Camsey for to be distribute among them for to pᵃy for myñ soule xl s. Also I beqweth to the parish prest of Seynt Marie chirche beyng at myñ dirige, yf it be Maisᵖ William Mathue vj s. viij d.; yf it be another I beqwethe hym iij s. iiij d. Itē I beqwethe to Seynt Marie prist of the seyd chirche, yf he be at mȳ dirige vj s. viij d. Itē I beqwethe to Maisᵖ Herry Hardman iij s. iiij d. Itē I beqwethe to euery othir prist of the colage beyng at mȳ dirige xx d. Also I wyll that aftyr the feste of Michemesse immedyatly aftyr myn discesse that John ȝaxle sonę and heyre to Richard ȝaxle have mȳ meese with alle the londs, tenementys, rentys, and sᵖuyss the whiche I or othir to myne vse haū in the towne and feldys of Pakynhᵃm callyd Redecastyll, to hym and to theyrys of his body lawfully be gotyn. And for the favte of sweche issue the remandyre therof to the next heyre of the seyd Richard for euer. And I will that vnto the seyde feste of Michelmasse mȳ executourreȝ have and resseyve alle the issueȝ and ꝑfytys of alle the seyd meese londys and rentys and other ꝑmisseȝ. Also I will that John mȳ sone immediatly aftyr mȳ deses have alle mȳ messuages, londę, tenementę, rentys, and ꝑuicę lying in the towunys and feldys of Throp Moryes, Felsam, Geddyng, and Ratlysden, to hym and to his heyres of his body lawfully be gotyn. And for the defaute of suche issue, I will yᵗ alle the seyd mesuagieȝ, londys, and tenementę, with thapportenaunceȝ, remayne to Robert ȝaxle the secunde sone of the seyd Richard ȝaxle, to haue to hym for terme of his lyfe and aftᵖ

his disces I will that the seid meeses be egally departyd, and so seuerally to remayne to Alice and Felippe dowteris of the seid Richard and to their heyre3 of their bodyes laufully begotyn. And if it happen any to deye be fore odire havyng non issue, than eueriche to be otheris heyre ouerlyvyng, and to theyrys of hire body lawfully begotyn. And if bothe the seyde Alice and Phelip deye w^t^owte issue, than I will that alle the seide mesuag℔, lond℔, and tenemētys remayne to the seyd Joħn 3axle, sone and heyre of the seyd Richard, and to his heyre3 for euer. It̄ I beqwethe to Raff Duke vjs̄. viijd̄. Also I beqwethe to Elezabeth Theloth mȳ ꝟuaunte v. marke. And qwere also I the seid Joħn Smyth afore this tyme have maad and declarid mȳ will of all mȳn messuage3, lond℔, tenemētys, rent℔, and ꝟuysis in the townnys and felds of Bury aboveseyd, Berton, Fornh^a^m Seynt Martyn, Rowh^a^m, and Nowton byside Bury, w^t^ all thapportenaunce3, beyng in feoffe3 hands, that alle the issue3 and ꝑfit℔ comyng and grovyng of the seid meeses, lond℔, and tenement℔ schulde be houly cōuertyd and applyid to thuse and ꝑfitys of thynhabytauntys of the seid town of Bury, and of their successoure3 for euer, to discharge certayn ȳposicione3 and charg℔ wonte to be boryn be the seid inhabitaunte3, and y^t^ ffeoffamentys thereof shulde be made from tyme to tyme whanne the cas shuld require to the same intente as in certayn indenture3 trypartyte indentyd, cōprysing the seyde will, wherof the date is the x. day of the monyth of Auguste, the yere of our Lord God M^l^cccc^mo^lxxiij. where it more pleynly aperith. And I the seyd John Smyth, wyllyng the seid will in eueri article to take pleyñ effecte, and not in any wyse here af℔ to be reuokyd, but ꝑpetually to stande ferme and stable, the same will so make of the seid meese3, lond℔, and tenement℔. And where also as I the seid John Smyth have ordeynyd and declarid mȳ will of myñ maner of Hepworth, callyd Brettys, be feoffe3 handys to thentent to fulfille that same myñ will for the sustentacion of a chapeleyn ꝑpetually to synge for myñ sowle, and for the soule of Anne myñ wyff, and for alle cristen soulys, accordyng to the tenoure and effecte of mȳ

seid will tryptyte indentyd, that the collacion of mȳ seid Chaunterie whan it shall happen in any manꝰ wyse to be woyde, that than the priour of the Monasterie of Bury be fore seyde shuld have the gyfte and collacion of the same, as in the same indentureȝ more pleynly is declarid. I now the seid John Smyth, for diuse causeȝ and consyderacyonys shevyd vnto me, will ordeyne and declare by this mȳ ꝑsent testament and last will that whan so euer the colage of prestꝭ of Bury be incorporat and have a maister, presydent, or other reuler, that than the seid maistr, presydent, or other reuler, with myñ othir chaunterie prist synggyng at Seynt Marie aughter, in the seid chirche of oure Ladye, and the chapelyn of the gylde of the holy name of Jħu, have the collacion of the seyde chaunterie to them and to their successoureȝ for euer. And moreouer I will that [when] someuer the seid collage be so incorporat and have licence of the king to purchas to them and thir successoureȝ, than I will that all my feoffeȝ in seid maner of Hepworth, vpon due request to them by the seid maistr, ꝑsedent, or reuler, and phelaschep of the seid collage made, deliuere vnto them a suer and sufficient astatte of and in the seid maner, with thappartenaunceȝ, to have to them and to their successoureȝ, for the sustentaciō of the seyde chaunterie prist for euer. And where also I the seid John Smyth, by indenture, have shewed, notyfied, and declared myñ mynde, will, and intent vpon a ffeoffament made to Harry Hardman clerk, William Duffelde clerke, and other specified and named in a dede of mȳ maner callyd Swyftys, wt thapportenaunceȝ, wheche I woll to be conuertyd to thuse of the seid colage, to remayn in feoffeȝ handꝭ vnto suche tyme as the seyd collage as is above seid be incorporatte and have licens of the kyng as is aboveseyd, and than the seyd feoffeȝ to make astate therof to the maistr, ꝑsedent, or other reuler, and felaship of the said collage for the tyme beyng, for the sustentacion of a ꝑpetuall chapeleyn to syngge at Seynt Marie aughter, in the seid chirche of oure Lady, for the solle of me the said John Smyth and Anne myñ wyff, and other; and for other chargꝭ and charge-

able dedys to be doon, as in the seyd indenturys more largely yt is conteynyd; I the seyd John, neu^{r} wyllyng m$\bar{y}$ seyd mynde, wyll, and intent, so be me published, notified, and declared vpon the seyd ffeoffament, in any man^{r} of wyse to be changyd, lessyd, or reuokyd, but fermaly without any in^{r}rupcion to be holden so y^{t} it, ne no ^{p}cell therof, be conuertyd to noon other vse. And for the more fermete and stedfastenes therof, and that yt ^{p}petually shulde indure, I the seyd John Smyth, by this my ^{p}sent testament and last wyll, m$\bar{y}$ seyde mynde, will, and entent so made, shewyd, and declarid be the seyd indenture$\bar{z}$, approue, ratifie, and conferme; and will and ordeyne that the collacion of the seid Chauntrie at Seynt Marie aughter in lyke wyse be longyng vnto the seyd prio^{r} vnto such tyme as the seyd colage in like wyse be incorpora$\bar{t}$. And than the seid maist^{r}, ^{p}sedent, or other rulere, with the chapeleyn of myn chaunterie at Seynt John is aughter, and the seyd chapeleyn of the gylde of J$\tilde{h}$u, have the collacion of the seid ch^{a}unterie, to them and to their successoure$\bar{z}$ for eu^{r}. And mor^{r}ouer I will and geue full powre to my executoure$\bar{z}$ and sup^{v}isoure$\bar{z}$ of this myn testament to ffunde and stabylissh my seid chaunterie$\bar{z}$; and to make rewlys, constitucionys, and ordinaunce$\bar{z}$ for the rule, gou^{r}n-aunce, and good continuance of the same. And moreou^{r} I will, ordeyne, and declare by this myn seyd testament, that if myn sone John, or ony other ^{p}sone or ^{p}sones named in the same testament and last will, and to whom I made ony legate or gyfte, in^{r}rupte m$\bar{y}$ executoure$\bar{z}$ so that they may not resabely execute the same, or othirwyse vexe, trobele, or let them in ^{p}formaunce of m$\bar{y}$ laste will, or any article therof, that than he or they so lettyng, wexing, or trubling, to lese and forfete his seyd legate; and will and charge myne executoure$\bar{z}$ that they and euery of them vt^{r}ly kepe and res$\tilde{t}$ayn from hym or them there legat^{e} and byquest^{e} to them made, notwithstandyng ony feoffament, state, or possession takyn beforn in ony god^{e} that arñ myñ or were myñ. And mor^{r}ou$\tilde{r}$ I require and charge all the ffeoffe$\bar{z}$ in the seyd manere$\bar{z}$, lond^{e}, rent^{e} and tenement^{e} to relese to m$\bar{y}$ executoure$\bar{z}$, qwanne they be required

by them, if suche cause fortune to happe. And for the due executyn and ꝑformauns of this mȳ testament, and for the playne and true disposic̃on of mȳ goodꝭ and catallys, I will and streȳly charge all suche of mȳ executoure3 as shall take vpon them the charge of the same, as they will answere afore God, that they nor non of them ministir or dispose any of mȳ seyd goodꝭ by them selfꝭ withoute the co͂men assent of alle ther co-excutoure3. And that alle suche of mȳ goodꝭ as schall come to any of ther handꝭ, whed᷒ it be in dettys or in ony other thynggꝭ, I will and charge that they immediatly af᷒ the reseyte therof be brougte in to the towune of Bury, and ther be the com̃e assent of alle mȳ seyd executoure3 be put in a place by them there for to be ordeynyd and assynyd, where they alle ioynly may have recurse thereto, there safly to be kept by them to suche tyme that by all theyre assentꝭ they ben fully distribute and disposyd for the wele of mȳ sowle, and hertely I pᵃy and desire the ordenary, afore whom this mȳ testament schall be ꝑuyd, and also the suꝑvisour of this mȳ seid testament, that the seyd executoure3, by there solempne othe3, amonge othir thynggs be specially chargyd and sworyn to fulfill and kepe the entent of this mȳ article and laste will; and that he or they that will refuse to make the seyd oth, or ellys afterward to do the contrarie of the same, I wil that he or they be dischargyd of any ferther deylyng of the seyd testament, and also to be compellyd, by the seyd ordinarie, and by the supuysour, to make restitucyon of alle suche goodꝭ kept contrarie to the entent of this myn articule and laste will. It̃ I desire and require myne cõfeoffes that they deliuere astate in alle my manere3 and londꝭ and tenementꝭ vnto mȳ executoure3 whansumiuer they be desiryd by them. The residue of alle mȳ goodꝭ and catallys, not beqwethyn, I geve and be qwethe unto mȳ executoure3, they for to dispose them for the welefare of mȳ soule and for alle the sowlys that I am be holdyng for to prey for as they thynkke may be most plesure to God and welefare of mȳ soule. Off this mȳ testam̃ẽt and laste will I put and ordeyne executoure3, Sere Thomas Ampe, Adam Newhawe,

and Raff Duke. The supuisoures of this mȳ testament I ordeyne and put the priour of the monasterie of Bury beforñ seyde, Richard 3axle gentilmã, and Clement Clerk. Into wittenesse wherof of this mȳ p̄sent testament I have put to mȳ seale. Youyn the place, the day, and the yeere abovesaid.

I, John Smyth, of Bury Seynt Edmũds, Esquyer, by this parcell of mȳ laste will tripartite indentyd, yeve, assigne, and beqwethe after my decesse my maner cleped Brettys, in Hepworthe, with all thappurtenaunces therto pteynyng, with all othere londes and tenementes, rentes and s̄uices, medewes, pastures, woodes, with thappurtenaunces and with all othere comoditees to the seid maner or to any of the seyd londes or tenementes in any maner pteynyng, lyeng in the towunes of Hepworthe aboveseid, Bernyngham, Stanton, Ixworthe, Berdewell, Watlesfeld, Thelnetham, Weston, and Coneweston, in the shire of Suff', to the entent to have a chauntry priest and a lawefull, with thissues and pfites therof comyng withouteende in maner and fourme as herafter folweth, that is to sey :—for to sey divyne s̄uice in the chirche of oure Lady in Bury Seynth Edmũds aboueseid, and other preyours, and to prey for me the seid John Smyth, the soules of Anne sumtyme my wyf, my ffader John Smyth, Hawise his wyf, and Rose my doughter, and all the soules that I am bounde to praye for. And j wole that the said chauntry prest sey by the dayes in the wyke messe in the chapell of oure Lady beside the chauncell in the said chirche, and alle other daies in the wyke yerely to sey hys messe at the auter of seynt John in the same chirche. And I wole y^t^ the seid chauntry priest haue for his stipende yerely x. marc̃ of lawfull money of the issues, pfites, and revenevs comyng of the forseyd maner, londes, and tenementes, rentes and s̄uices, medewes, pastures, woodes, with ther appurtenaunces and comoditees aforseid. And to be reseyved by hymself or by hys assigne by the handes of the ocupyers of the seid maner, londes, tenementes, rentes, s̄uices, medewes, pastures, woodes, with ther seid appur-

tenaunces and comoditees withoute ony contradiccion of them, or in euery ꝑcell therof to the seid maner ꝑteynyng. And the residue of thissues and ꝑfites, comyng of the same maner, londes, tenementes, rentes, ꝰuices, medewes, pastures, woodes, with thappurtenaunces and comoditees aboueseid, over the seide sūme of x. marc̃, shalbe receyved by the handes of my seid chauntry priest, to thentent to kepe the obite yerely withouteende of me the seid John Smyth, and of the soules aboueseid. And by the supvision of the Pˢour of the Gylde of Seynt Nicholas holde withyn the toñ of Bury Seint Edmũds, and the seyd priour of the seyde gylde to have yerely ij s̄ of the revenevs comyng of the seid maner, londes, tenementes, rentes, ꝰuices, medewes, pasture3, and woodes. And the residue therof over the charges aboueseid, the charge3 of the reparaciouns and the charges to the cheef lordes therof; and the residue of the revenevs and ꝑfites comyng of a pece of medewe inclosed at the Turret in Bury Seynt Edmũds aboueseid, whiche is assigned to the repacion of the newe eles in thaforseyd chirche made by me thaforseyd John Smyth, over the seid reꝑaciouns to them dõ, and over the charge to the chief lord therof, be disposed and distributed by the discrecion of my chauntry priest and of the priour of thaforsaid gylde, to poure people of the seid toñ of Bury Seint Edmũds at the seid obite, orels on the day next be fore, to pray for the seid soules. Also I wole that yef the feoffes of the seid maner, londes, tenementes, rentes, sꝰuices, medewes, pasture3, and woodes, with thaforseyd appurtenaunces and comoditees, decesse, wherof viij. or vj. ꝑsones of the seyd feoffes be levyng, that than my seid chauntry priest for the tyme beyng, wiche is assigned to pray for the seid soules, shall have auctorite and power to make the feoffes so levyng of and in the seid maner, londes, tenementes, rentes, sꝰuices, medewes, pastures, and woodes, with thappurtenaunces and comoditees aboueseid, and them to require to make a new estate and to enfeoffe xx. other ꝑsones at the leste noumbre of the most substanciall ꝑsones, inh̃itantes withinne the seid town of Bury Seynt Edmũds, of and

in the seid maner, londes, tenementes, rentes, s᷑uices, medewes, pastures, and woodes, with the seid appurtenaunces and comoditees, wherof my seyd chauntry priest to be one of them at his liberte. And also I wole that whansoeuer it fortune that my seid chauntry priest decesse, or any priest in my seid chauntry hereafter comyng, thanne I wole that the priour of the monasterie of Bury Seint Edmūds, and hise successoures withoute ende, withinne a monethe next suyng after decesse of the priest of my seid chauntry, shall p̄sent and yeve the seid chauntry to another onest priest, and yeve him charge with the divine s᷑uice p̄misses in maner and fourme aboueseid. And if the priour of the seid monasterie for the tyme beyng p̄sent no priest to pray for the soules aboueseyd withinne a moneth, as is aforeseyd, than I wole that mȳ next heyre or next of my blode p̄sente an honest priest to the seid chauntry in maner and fourme aboueseid withinne iij monethes next suyng aft᷑ decesse of my seid chauntry priest. Also I wole that the priest of my seid chauntry for the tyme being and his successoure3, with the priour of the aforeseid gilde, make yerely thir bille of acounte of all charges and expenses of thissues and revenevs aboveseid receyvved, orels owyng over the seid yerely x. marc̄ by them, do deliuer it after the seid obite to the priour of thaforseid monast᷑ie for the tyme beyng, that it may be vnderstande whether yᵗ the seid revnevs be disposed aft᷑ thentente of the seid will or nought. And the seid priour of the same monast᷑ie to refourme and to make a direccion therof. And the same day and tyme the same p᷑our of the same monast᷑ie to have of the seid revenevs at that audite a galon of wyn. Also I will that euery of my chaunterie priestes, one after another, by hymself or by his assigne withoutteende duryng and for his tyme ther beyng, shall have the reule and gouernaunce by the supvision of the priour of thaforseid gylde aft᷑ decesse of mȳ executours of the seid maner, londes, tenementes, rentes, s᷑uices medewes, pastures, and woodes, with the seid thappurtenaunces and comoditees, to lete them to ferme as is most behovefull

to mȳ seid chauntry, and to receyve thissues and ꝑfites therof comyng, and to pay and bere almaner of rentes and charges therof dewe, withoute cōtradiccion and inꝟrupcion of any of the feoffes theryn infeoffed. And the feoffes not to dele therwith but as feoffes of trust. Also I wole that this ꝑcell as a ꝑcell of my laste will be ꝑved and annexed to the resude of mȳ will. And one parte of these tripartite endentid to remayne with the priest of my seid chauntry and hise successoure3, and other parte therof with the priour of the seid monasterie. And alle the resude of the seid will with myñ executoure3. Providyng alwey that as longe as myn executoure3 be levvyng, yf any thyng nede and is behovefull in any parcell of myñ will to be refourmed for the better entente, I wole that mȳ seid executoure3 refourme it after there discrecion, as they will answere before God. And I pray and requiř alle mȳ feoffes of alle myn maners, londes, and tenementes withynne the shire of Suff., and in any other shire, to make or do make a lawfull estate at the request of myñ executours, accordyng to myn will and testament, whan they or any of them be requyred.

In the name of God Amen. To alle true cristen people to whom this ꝑsent writyng indented shall come, John Smyth of Bury Seynt Edmũd, in the counte of Suff., Esquier, gretyng in oure Lord God euꝟlastyng. Knowe, that where as I the seid John Smyth very owener of the maner of Swyftys, with alle londes, tenētes, rentes, and ꝟuices with thappurtenaunce3 and other comodietees to the same maner belongyng, lying in the townes of Preston, Ketilberston, Brent Illegh, Monkes Illegh, Brethenhᵃm, Thorp Morieux, and Cokefeld, in the counte of Suff. forthwith Robert Webbe clerk and John Steuenson clerk, mȳ cofeffes to myne vse of and in the seid maner, late beyng seasid of the seid maner with thappᵗtenᵃnce3, by oure chartre beryng the date of thees ꝑsentes have dimised, assigned, deliuered, and by the same our chartre confermed to Henř Hardman clerk, William Duffeld

clerk, William Mathewe clerk, Thomas Amp̃ clerk, Rog⁹ Drury esquier, Robert Drury, John Coket theldere, John Coket the yong⁹, William Twheyte theldere, William Thweyte the yongere, John Drury, Symonds Clerk, Clement Clerk, John Cote, Thomas Edon, Adam Newehawe, William Baret, Laurence Smyth, Thomas Felys, Thom^a^s Kyng, John Helpstoñ, James Mayhewe, John Basse, and John Smyth, the forseid maner with thapp̧te-n^a^nce by the name of alle the londes, teñtes, rentes, and ꝯuices with all thapp^r^tenaunces in the seid townes of Preston, Ketilbers-ton, Brent Illigh, Monkes Illigh, Brethenh^a^m, Thorp Morieux, and Cokefeld, in the seide Counte of Suff., to have to theym, their heires and assignes for euer, as in the seid dede more pleynly ap-perith; I the forseid John Smyth, specialy remembryng the helth of mȳ soule, notife, publissh, and playnly declare my mynde, will, and intent of and vppon the seid feffement, neuer to be re-uoked, in maner and forme as folowith: Furst, that is to sey, that the seid Feffes of and in the seid maner with thapp^r^tenauncez shall suffar the maisꝫ, p̃cedent, or othir reuler of the colage of preeste newe bildid within the town of Bury, for the tyme beyng, to haue, take, and holy ꝑceyve alle thissues, rentes, ꝑfitees, and alle other re-venues comyng and growyng of the seid maner, with thapp^r^ten^a^ncez, paiyng yerely to me the seid John Smyth or myn assignes duryng mȳ lif naturaꝉ of the seid issues and ꝑfitte of the seid maner x. mark of good and laufull monye of Ynglond, at the feste of Esterñ and Seynt Migheꝉ tharchaungill, by euen porcionis, and the resi-due therof to be holly applied and conuertyd to the bildyng, sus-tentacion, and reꝑacion of the seid collage; and afꝫ mȳ disceas I will that all the seid issues, ꝑfittes, rentes and all other cōmoditees of the seid maner holy remayn to the seid maisꝫ, president, or other ruler of the seyd Collage, ooñ parte therof to be applied and conuerted to thexibicion and sustentacion of a ꝑpetuall chap-leyn to syng and sey dyvyne ꝯuices at the aulter of oure moste blessid Lady withyn the parissh chirche of our moste blessyd

Lady wythyn the seyd town of Bury to pray specially for the soule of me the seyd John Smyth, and the soules of Anne mȳ wyff, our children, and the soules of all oure auncestrees and benefactours, and all cristen soules; and that othir parte therof to be applied and conuerted to the mayntenaunce and supportacion of the seid collage, in bildyng, rep^{a}ciouns, and other chargꝭ necessarie in the seid collage, for eu͂, and other werkꝭ and dedes of charite to be doon there, after the rule, ordinauncez, constitucõns, and establishmentꝭ by the seid maisꝰ, president, or othir ruler of the seid collage for the tyme beyng, and iiij. or v. of the most substanciall of the fore named feffes, with the aduys of myñ executours in that by halue, to be made and establisshed; and more ou͂ I will that all the seid feffes so beyng seasid to the use and intent aboue specified stond and be feffes to the same vse and intent vnto such tyme as the seyd maisꝰ, president, or othir ruler of the forseid collage haue by the kyngꝭ licence founded the seyd collage and corporat theym self and made theym self ꝑsonable, to haue succession and capacite in the lawe to purchase, take, and resceyue by the name of maisꝰ, or president, and felischip of the seyd collage, of gifte, biyng, by quest, or odirwise, of any mañ that will give, sell, or by queth to theym and to their successourez, londes, tenementes, rentes, annuitees, or othir possessiouns, what so euer they be, in fee and ꝑpetuite into mortmayne; and if it fortune the seid feffes, nowe beyng of the nombre of xxiiij. to disceas to the nombre of xij. by for any suche fundacion, corporacion, or licence goten by the seid maisꝰ, president, or othir ruler of the seid collage, that than x. of the seyd xij. feffees survyvyng to reles and quyteclayme all their right, title, and inꝰest in the seid maner, with thapp^{r}ten^{a}nces, to ij. of theldest of theire cofeffes ouerleuyng, and theruppon to take astate ayeñ to theym and to xiiij. othir sufficient ꝑsones to be named by the seyd maisꝰ, ꝑsident, or othir ruler, and iiij. or v. of the most substanciall ꝑsones of the seyd feffees, to have to theym, their heyres, and

assignes for euer, to thuse and entent above exp̄ssed; and this to be doon as ofte as such case xall require, till the seyd collage be founded, stablisshed, and incorporat, and haue their licence to purchas as is aboueseid. And I will that all the seyd ffeffees that now and here af̄ shalbe, and eu̇y of theym, ymmediatly af̄ due request to theym made be the seyd maist̄, p̄sident, or ruler, af̄ the shewyng of the kyngs ł̄res of foundacion and licence of purchasyng, make a sure, sufficient, and laufull astate of the seid maner, with thapp^e^tenaunce3, to the seid maist̄, p̄sident, or ruler, and to the felischip of the seid collage, by what so euer name or names he or they in their foundacion shalbe named; to have and to holde to theym and their successoure3 for the sustentacion of the seyd p̨petuall chapleyñ in the seyd chirche, and for the continuaunce, mayntenaunce, and rep^a^cion of the seyd collage and other werkes and dedes of charite, as is aboueseyd, for euer, after the rule, ordynaunce, and constitucion of the seid maist̄, p̄sident, or othir ruler of the seyd collage for the tyme beyng; and iiij. or v. of the seyd nowe feffees, or of the feffees that hereafter, if the cas so require, shalbe, with the ou̇sight of mȳ seid executoure3 in that by halue to be made, any will, p̨mys, bargeyñ, g^a^unte, or sale heretofore to the contrarie made not witstondyng; ffor if any there were I vtterly reuoke and, inasmoche as in me is, I adnull theym. And I will, pray, require, and straitly charge all myñ seid feffes and executours, and all other p̨sones to whom it shall p̨teyñ, that they, as they will answere afore God at the dredfull Day of Jugement, in̄up̄t not nor breke this myñ intent and will made by me vppon the seid man̄, so that it be not cõuerted to noon othir vse, but accordyng to this myñ intent and will aboue rehersed. And for the p̨fitte wittenes and knowlege that this is my very will and intent by me the seyd John Smyth made vppon the seyd feffement, and that it shuld be vndouted to all men, I haue to this p̄sent writyng putto my seel and subscribed it with my owne hand. And for as moche as my seell to many folkys is vnknowen, therfor at my request the Secristen of

the Monasꝯie of Bury Seynt Edmũd, Ordinarie of the same place, to this p̃sent writyng also hath putto his seell. Yeuen at Bury forseyd, the xviij. day of Decemb̃r, the xx^th^ yere of the reigne of kyng Edward the iiij^th^.

In Dei noĩe Amen. Hec ꝑsens pagina triꝑtite indentata facta apud villam de Bury Sc̃i Edmūdi in com̃ Suff. decimo die mensis Augusť anno dñi Miłłmo cccc^mo^ lxxiij° et anno regni Regis Edwardi quarti post conquestum Anglie xiij° testat^r^ q^d^ hec est firma ꝑfecta et ꝑpetua voluntas mei Joħis Smyth de dicta villa de Bury Sc̃i Edmūdi in com. Suff. ꝑdicť armiꝑi, ꝑ me nunq; reuocanđ, de om̃ib3 mesuagiis, terris, tenementꝭ, redditib3, et ꝯuicijs meis, cū suis ꝑtiñ, in villis et campis de Berton iux^a^ Bury, Fornh^a^m Sc̃i Martini, et in campis de Bury ꝑdc̃a vocať Estefeld, Southfeld, et Vynefeld, necnon in villis de Noweton et Rough^a^m; que quiđm mesuagia, ꝯras, tenemēta, redditus, et seruicia, cū suis ꝑtiñ, Roƀtus Gardyner nuꝑ Aldermannus eiusđm ville de Bury Sc̃i Edmūdi, Joħes Ayleward, Thomas Brette, Wiłłs Thweyte, Henricus Banyard, Clemens Drury, Joħes Foster, Wiłłs Buntyng, Andreas Skarbot, Joħes Furseney, Thom^a^s Bunnyng, Joħes Reggeman, Simon Clerk, Roƀtus Rose, Roƀtus Burgeys, Walterus Thruston, Joħes Mey, Thomas Emmys, Joħes Gouty, Wiłłs Copyngꝰ, Edmūdus Lorymer, Laurencius Smyth, Robertus Creppyng, et Joħes Salman, ħent ex dono et feoffamento mei ꝑfati Joħis Smyth ꝑ quandam cartam meã tripartite indentatā decimo die Septembris anno regni ꝑdc̃i dñi Regis decimo apud Berton ꝑdicť datam et confectam; necnon de quodam alio mesuagio meo situato in villa de Rough^a^m et de decem et octo peciis ꝯre arrabilis, vna pecia prati, et vna pecia bosci, cū liƀtate falde, et om̃ib3 alijs suis ꝑtiñ in dicta villa de Rougham, que quiđm mesuagiū, ꝯram, pratum, boscum, cū liƀtate falde, et aliis suis ꝑtiñ, in dicta villa de Rough^a^m, Joħes Forster nuꝑ Aldermãnus dc̃e ville de Bury, Roƀtus Gardener, Johannes Aylleward, Thom^a^s Brette, Wiłł Theweyte, Clemens Drury, Wiłłs Buntyng, Andreas Skarbot, Joħes Furseney, Thom^a^s

Bunnyng, Joħ Reggemã, Simon Clerk, Roƀtus Burgeys, Walꝰ Thruston, Joħes Mey, Thom^{a}s Emmes, Joħes Gouty, Wiłł Copyng^{9}, Laur̃ Smyth, Roƀtus Creppyng, et Joħ Salman ħent ex dono et feoffamento mei p̃fati Joħis Smyth ꝑ quandam aliā cartã meã siłiꝰ triꝑtite indentatā vicesimo die Julij anno regni dc̃i dñi Regis terciodecimo apud Rough^{a}m p̃dict̃ dat̃ et̃ confect̃. Ea intencione ad hanc vltimā voluntatē meā in om̃ibꝫ et ꝑ om̃ia ꝑut in p̃sent̃ pagina subscribit^{ur} et continet^{ur} debite exequenđ, ꝑficienđ et ꝑimplenđ. In primis ad laudem, gloriam, et honorē oĩpotētꝰ Dei et gloriosissime virginis matris eius Marie gloriosiꝗ martiris et Regis Sc̃i Edmūdi, ac in releuamen et auxiliū Aldermanni Comburgenciū tocius ꝗ cõitatis et pauꝑū inħitanciū dc̃e ville de Bury Sc̃i Eđi et in supportacõem on^{9}um eisđm in dies incumbenciū, vt ip̃i heredes et successores sui ꝑ salute aĩe mee ac ꝑ aĩa Anne nuꝑ consortis mee, necnon aĩabꝫ parentū et benefactoꝝ meoꝝ et oĩm fideliū defunctoꝝ futuris ꝑpetuis temꝑibꝫ apud altissimū specialius dep̃cent^{ur} et exorent. Volo q^{d} ego p̃dictus Joħes Smyth ħeam et ꝑcipiã ad totam vitam meã om̃ia exitus et proficua de om̃ibꝫ p̃dictꝰ mesuag̃, terris, tenementis, pratis, pasturis, boscis, cū liƀtate falde et cū om̃ibꝫ et singulis suis ꝑtiñ sup^{a}dict̃ ꝑuenieñ et cresceñ absꝗ impedimento seu contradicc̃one aliquali. Et post decessum meū volo q^{d} dc̃i Aldermãnus, Burgenses, et feoffati integre ħeant et ꝑcipiant om̃ia exitus et ꝑficua om̃iū et singłoꝝ mesuagioꝝ, ꝰraꝝ, tenementoꝝ, prati et bosci p̃dict̃ cū liƀtate falde et ceteris p̃missis cū suis ꝑtiñ, sibi, heredibꝫ et success̃ suis imꝑp̃m. Ea intenc̃one vt ijđm Aldermannus, Comburgenses et feoffati, vel dicti comburgenses et feoffati in defectu Aldermanni, heredes et successor̃ sui qui ꝑ temꝑe fuerint singulis annis imꝑp̃m anniuersariū mei dc̃i Joħis Smyth et dicte Anne nuꝑ vx^{9}is mee in eccłia parochiali ƀte Marie Virg̃ de Bury p̃dict̃ pro aĩa mea et aĩabꝫ dicte Anne parētū et benefactoꝝ nr̃oꝝ et om̃ū fideliū defunctoꝝ cū p̃sbiꝰis, capellanis, et cłicis solempnit̃ et deuote celebrari faciāt, videłt in vigilia dc̃i anniu̇sarij mei deuote decantant̃ et dicentibꝫ *Placebo* et *Dirige* et in die dc̃i anniu̇sarij mei missam de *Requiem*

solempnit̃ ꝑ notam cū aliis ꝑcibꝫ, suffragiis, et obsequiis in huiusmodi anniu̾sariis mortuorū vsitatis. Et volo et requiro dictos Aldermannū, Burgenses, et feoffatos q^{d} iꝑi singłis annis impp̃m teneant dictum anniu̾sariū meū eođm die eiusđm mensis quo me ab hoc seculo decedere contiġit nisi causa legitima int̃sit sic q^{d} id fieri nequeat, tunc aliquo die ꝑcedente vel subsequēte quo id celius fieri possit. Et quod residuū fu̾it exituū et ꝑficuoꝫ dictorū mesuagioꝫ, ꝓraꝫ, teñ, prati, pasture, bosci, reddituū, seruicioꝫ, cū liƀtate falde, et ceu̾oꝫ ꝑmissoꝫ cū ꝑtiñ, volo q^{d} reseruet^{r} et saluo et secure custodiat^{r} ꝑ dc̃os Aldermannū, Comburgēses et feoffatos, vel ꝑ dictos Comburgenses et feoffatos inde ꝑ tempe existeñ in defc̃u Aldermanni. Ea intēcione quod quãdo et quociens infutuř abbathia de Bury Sc̃i Edmūdi ꝑ mortē alicui^{9} Abƀtis ꝑ tempe existeñ vacauerit et nouus abbas iƀm post eius mortē legitime electus et ꝑfectus foret, q^{d} tunc de exitibꝫ et ꝑficuis ꝑdict̃ ꝑsoluat^{r} ꝑdicto nouo Abƀi ꝑ tempe existēti tantū quantū inde ꝑcipi et reu̾uari poterit in satisfacc̃one et recompensac̃oem cuiusdam summe dc̃o nouo Abƀi rōne nove creac̃onis sue ꝑ inh̄itantes dicte ville de Bury sc̃i Eđi ꝑut moris est soluend̃ et solui cōsuet̃, et sic tociens quociens contig̾it dc̃m nouū abƀtem ibiđm post mortē alicuius Abbatis de nouo eligi et ꝑfect̃ fore impp̃m. Et si quid inde tunc vltra dictā sũā remanserit volo q^{d} disponat^{r} et applicet^{r} ad solūc̃oem quintaꝫ decimaꝫ taxaꝫ et tallagioꝫ et aliaꝫ imposicionū et on̾um quorūcumqꝫ ab eisđm Burgensibꝫ et Cōitate ville ꝑdicte, heredibꝫ, et successoribꝫ suis, cunctis futuris tempibꝫ exigend̃, et sibi imponend̃, in releuamen et exon̾acōem Burgēsiū et Cōitatis ville ꝑdce impp̃m de et sup om̃ibꝫ et singłis ꝑmissis. Et insup volo q^{d} cum đc̃i viginti et quatuor feoffati mei ꝑꝑ quatuordecim eoꝫđm ad minus supuiuentes decesserint et obierint q^{d} tunc vel antea si dictis feoffatis opus visum fu̾it et expediens duodecim de dc̃is quatuordecim feoffatis vel plures si supuixerint remittent, relaxabunt, et omño ꝑ se et heredibꝫ suis impp̃m quietum clamabunt duobꝫ dc̃oꝫ cōfeoffatoꝫ suorū totū ius, titulū, clameū, int̃esse, et demand̃ que ħent vel ħere

poꝛunt rõne quacūqȝ de et in mesuagiis, ꝛris, teñ, pratis, pasturis, boscis, cū liƀtate falde, redditibȝ et seruiciis ꝑdictꝭ et ceꝛis suis ꝑtiñ, ħenđ et tenenđ sibi her̃ et assigñ suis imꝑp̃m de capitalibȝ đnis feođ iłł ꝑ ꝯuicia inde debita et de iure consueta. Qui quiđm duo feoffati sic in plena et pacifica possessione mesuagioꝝ, ꝛraꝝ, teñ, et ceꝛoꝝ ꝑmiss̃ cū pertiñ existeñ refeoffabunt dc̃os duodecim secum ꝑprius feoffatos vel plures qui suꝑuixerint si casus exigiꝛ cū aliis de ꝑbioribȝ et magis sufficientibȝ hõibȝ de Comburgensibȝ et inħitantibȝ ville ꝑdicte vsq; ad plenū numerū viginti et quatuor hoĩm feoffatoꝝ in toto attingenciū ꝑ Aldermannũ et Burgenses ville ꝑdicte ꝑ tempe existeñ seu ꝑ eosđm duodecim prius feoffatos et Burgenses eiusđm ville ꝑ tempe existeñ in defc̃u Aldermãni eisđm suꝑuiuentibȝ eligenđ noĩanđ et associanđ, ħenđ et tenenđ sibi, heredibȝ, et assigñ suis imꝑp̃m de capitalibȝ đnis feođ iłł ꝑ ꝯuicia ꝑdict̃, ad hanc vltimã voluntatē meā in forma ꝑnotata firmiꝛ ꝑimplenđ. Et sic quocienscumqȝ ꝑpetuis futuris tempibȝ contiꝯit huiusmodi feoffatos in et de mesuag̃, ꝛris, teñtis, redditibȝ, et ceteris ꝑmissis, cũ ꝑtineñ, ꝑꝛ quatuordecim eoꝝđm ad minus suꝑuiuentes vt ꝑdicitꝰ obire et decedere, qᵈ tunc vel antea si vt ꝑmittitꝰ dictꝭ tunc feoffatis opus visum fuit et expediens duodecim de đc̃is quatuordecim vel plures qui sic suꝑuixꝰint in forma ꝑlibata, remittent, relaxabunt et omnino ꝑ se et heredibȝ suis imꝑp̃m quietũ clamabunt duobȝ dc̃oꝝ cōfeoffatoꝝ suoꝝ totũ ius, titulũ, clameū, inꝛesse, et demanđ que tūc ħebunt vel ħere poꝛunt rōne quacũq; de et in ꝑdictꝰ mesuag̃, ꝛris, teñtis, pᵃtis, pasturis, boscis, cū liƀtate falde, redditibȝ et sꝰuicijs et aliis suis ꝑtiñ, ħenđ et tenenđ sibi, heredibȝ, et assigñ suis ꝑ ꝯuicia ꝑdict̃ imꝑp̃m. Qui quiđm duo feoffati sic in plena et pacifica possessione mesuagioꝝ, ꝛrarũ, et tenemētoꝝ, et ceꝛoꝝ ꝑmissoꝝ cũ ꝑtiñ existeñ refeoffabunt dictos duodecim vel plures viginti et quatuor hoĩm feoffatoꝝ in toto attingere per Aldermãnũ et Burgenses ville ꝑdc̃e ꝑ tempe existeñ seu ꝑ dc̃os feoffatos suꝑuiuentes et Burgenses eiusđm ville ꝑ tempe existentes dictis prius feoffatis eligenđ, noĩanđ, et associanđ, ħenđ et tenenđ sibi, heredibȝ, et assigñ suis in forma ꝑdicta imꝑp̃m, ac hanc vltimā

voluntatē meã similiꝰ ꝑimplendã. Et ꝑ eo q^d ꝑfati feoffati mei ad om̃ia in hac vltima voluntate mei contenta in om̃ibꝫ et singłis suis articulis bñ et fideliꝰ exequenđ et ꝑimplenđ suꝑ sacrosc̃a Dei eu^a^ngelia sacramētū ꝑstiterunt corporale. Sic volo q^d q̃mcũq; futuris temꝑibꝫ in mesuagiis, ꝰris, tenemētis, redditibꝫ, et ceꝰis ꝑmissis, cū ꝑtiñ, feoffati erunt similiꝰ suꝑ sacrosancta Dei eu^a^ngelia corã Aldermãno et Burgensibꝫ eiusđm ville ꝑ temꝑe existeñ seu corã ꝑfatꝭ quatuordecim hõibꝫ vel pluribꝫ qui suꝑuixerint et Burgēsibꝫ ꝑ temꝑe existentibꝫ ꝑ defc̃u Aldermãni ad om̃ia et singula in hac vltima mea voluntate contenta et specificata in singulis suis articulis vt ꝑdicit^ꝫ^ exequenđ et firmiꝰ ꝑimplenđ sacrm̃ prestabunt corporale. Et volo et requiro dc̃os feoffatos meos nũc et futuros vt hec vltima voluntas mea semel in anno plane et publice legatur. Item volo quod post decessum meū singulis annis imꝑp̃m eligant^ꝫ^ quatuor ꝑbi hões de feoffatis ꝑdictꝭ ꝑ temꝑe existeñ ꝑ Aldermañū et Burgenses eiusđm ville ꝑ temꝑe existeñ vel ꝑ feoffatos ꝑdictos et Burgenses ꝑ temꝑe existeñ ꝑ defc̃u Aldermanni. Qui quiđm quatuor probi hoīes in forma ꝑdc̃a de anno in annũ electi imꝑp̃m ħebunt suꝑuisum et guƀnacõem oĩm dc̃oꝝ mesuagioꝝ, ꝰraꝝ, tenementoꝝ, pratoꝝ, pastur̃, bosci, cũ liƀtate falde, reddituū, seruicioꝝ et alioꝝ ꝑtiñ quorūcumq; cū ꝑtiñ et exitus et ꝑficua inde noīe cōfeoffatoꝝ suoꝝ ꝑ temꝑe existeñ ad ꝑimplenđ om̃ia ꝑmissa annuatĩ imꝑp̃m ꝑcipient et recipient et debitum et fidelem compotū inde Aldermanno et Burgensibꝫ eiusđm ville ꝑ temꝑe existeñ vel residuis cōfeoffatis suis ꝑdictꝭ et Burgensibꝫ ꝑ temꝑe existeñ ꝑ defectu Aldermanni singuł annis imꝑp̃m reddant. Et quod pecunia inde ad finẽ cuiusliƀt anni de claro recepť et reseruať ponatur in quadam cista vel aliquo loco conuenienti iux^a^ discrec̃oem ꝑdc̃oꝝ Aldermanni, Burgenciũ, et feoffatorũ, aut dc̃oꝝ Burgensiũ et feoffatoꝝ, ordinanđ iƀm saluo et secur̃ custodienđ sic q^d^ ad nullū aliū vsum ꝑterq^ꝫ^m ad execuc̃oem et ꝑimplec̃oem hui^ꝰ^ mee voluntatis conuertatur. Et hoc sicut ante tribunal dñi nr̃i iħu xp̃i respondere voluerint. In quoꝝ om̃ū et singłoꝝ fidem et testimoniū et vt hec vltime voluntatis mee ꝑsens pagina triꝑtite indentata ꝑpetue firmitatꝭ robur opti-

neat cuntis q3 innotescat eam et quamlibet ptem eiusdm sigilli mei impssione corroboram et manu mea ppia subscripsi die, loco, et anno supadict. Hiis testib3, reuerendo in xpo pre Robto abbte monasterij de Sco Edmūdo de Bury, Joħe priore dci moñ, et Joħe sacrista eiusdm moñ, Joħe Broughton armigo, Joħe Clopton armigo, Thoma Drury armigo, Rogo Drury armigo, Thoma Heigham junior, Joħe Coket de Ampton senior, Joħe Coket junior, Rico Batayle, Thoma Symond, Thoma Tyllot, Thoma Germeyñ, Willo Honyburne, et multis alijs.

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Margarete Odeham, of Bury.—1492.

In the name of God Amen. I, Margarete Odeham, of Bury Seynt Edmūd's, wedowe, wt an hooll and clere mende, beying at Bury aforseid the viij day of Octobr the yere of our Lord God a M¹cccclxxxxij, make my testament and last wyll in this wyse: Fyrst, I bequethe my soule to God Almyghty and my body to holy chirche to be buried in the chauncell of the chyrche of Seynt Jamys be myn husbond. Iťm I bequethe to the hygh aughter in the chyrche of Seynt Jamys vj s. viij d. Iťm I bequethe to the covent to *(sic)* the monastery of the chyrche of Seynt Edmūde in Bury v. mrc for a dirige and a messe of *Requiem*. Iťm I bequethe to euy hows of ffryerꝭ in Cambredge, Lynne, Norwiche, Thetford, Clare, Sudbury, to eche of thes howses vj s. viij d. Iťm I bequethe to the covent of Babbewelle by Bury iij li. Iťm I bequethe to euy nunne in the howsys of the townys of Thetford, Shuldham, Wygnale, Blakbowr, Cambredge, Chaterys, Swaffhm, Denney, Iklyngton, Crabows, Broseyerd, Campsey, and Flixton xij d. Iťm I bequethe to the howsys of ffrerys in Colchest, Ipswyche, and Walsynghm, to eche of them vj s. viij d. Iťm I be quethe to the couent of Ixworthe xiij s. iiij d. this I wyll haue do as hastely aft my deth as it may cōvenyently be don or ellys be fore my deth. Iťm I wyll that euy pst beyng at my diryge at my

buryeng day and at my xxx^{ti} day haue xij đ. savyng I wole that the paryssh p̄stę and Seynt Mary p̄stę of bothe chyrches haue eche of them xvj đ. Ĩtm eu̅y paryssh clerke vj s̃. Ĩtm eu̅y other clerke at mannys age ij đ. Ĩtm eu̅y chylde w^{t} a surplyce j đ. and eu̅y chylde w^{t}oute surplice oƀ. Ĩtm I wyll that myn executors vysite the pore men and other̃ that be dysposed to take almes eche man and woman and chylde to haue oƀ. and eu̅y bedredman j đ. as hastely as it may be don aft̄ my deth. Ĩtm I wyll that myn executo^{r}s do make a good dyner as hastely as thei may cõueniently aft̄ my dethe to my neyghbourę and other good lou̅s. Ĩtm I wole that the p^{i}soners be refresshed w^{t} mete and drynke at the day of my dener, and I wole that eu̅y p^{i}soner haue j đ. Ĩtm I wole that the torchys that shall leve aft̄ my yeere day be depted iij. to Seynt Jamys chirche, oon at the aughter of our Lady, oon at the aughter of Seynt John, and oñ at the aughter of Seynt Lauerens; and iij. to Seynt Mary chyrche, oon at the aught̄ of our Lady, oon at the aught̄ of Seynt Petyr, and oon at the aughter of Seȳt Thomas. Ĩtm I wole that vj poore women haue vj blak gownes lyned wyth blanket and vj. blak dobyłł hoodys, and the cloth that it be j đ. oƀ in wode. Ĩtm I bequethe to eu̅y s̄u^{a}nt that is dwellyng w^{t} me whanne I dey haue a blak gowne and vj s̃. viij đ. Ĩtm I bequethe to the wyffe of John Banyard a blak gowne. Ĩtm I bequethe to John Malbourgħ my sone my best sylu̅ salt w^{t} the curyeng, my best standyng pece of gylte, and my best doseyn syluer sponys, vpon this condic̃on, that he pay suche dettę as he oweth vnto me, or elle; the be quest to hym be voyde. Ĩtm I bequethe to John Ansty my sylver salt w^{t} the curyeng that I vse dayly at my tabyll. Ĩtm I bequethe to a p̄st for to go to Rome x łi., and I wyll that the seid p̄st go the stacȳons and sey massys as is accordyng for a pylgryme, and in especiałł I wole that the seyd p̄st sey v massys as *scala cely*, and I wole that the seyd p̄st abyde in Rome alle Lenton. Ĩtm I wole that Syr Edmūd Castyr shall contynue in hys s̄uyse alle the dayes of hys lyffe if he wyll. Ĩtm I bequethe to my systyr Isabełł my

best stondyng gowne furred w^{t} bever and my best kertyll. Itm I bequethe to my Lady Hogard my narowe gilte gerdyll and innamyld. Itm I be quethe to the wyffe of Roger Drury of Haustede, for the loue that I haue vnto her, my gerdyll that ys velvett vppon saten. Itm I bequethe vnto Maist^{r} John Halowe my kynnysman a flatte pece of sylu^{r}, a blak gowne, and an hood. Itm I bequethe to Robt Halowe vj. sylu sponys and a blak gowne. Itm I be quethe to the wyff of Robt Halowe my best lyned gowne and my cloke. Itm I be quethe to Maistre; Tendale my flatte gylte cuppe w^{t} the curyeng. Itm I bequethe vnto the wyff of my sone Malbourgh my lytell gylte gyrdell. Itm I bequethe to myn sone Ansty my grene worsted cou^{r}lyght. Itm I bequethe to Constans Aleyn a peyr of my best shete. The resydue of all my goodes aboue not bequethed I geve and bequethe to my executoures, to dyspose for the sowle of me and myn husbond, and for the sowlys of them that I am bounde to prey fore, whom I make and ordeyn myn executours John Aleyn gentylman, Edmũde Castir clerk, and George Watton clerk; and I wole that eche of them shall haue a blakke gowne, and ther rewarde for ther labo^{r} to be takyn as they thynk in ther conscyens and be the advice of the ordenary. In wytnesse wherof I haue putto my seall. Thee; wytnesse, Jone Brett wedowe, Rychard Kyng mercer, John Brond, John Bamyard, and Thomas Basse. Wretyn the day and yeer aboueseyd.

Prob. 8 Nov. 1492.

In Dei noïe Amẽ. Thys ^{r}sent wrytyng indentyd made att Bury Seynt Edmond the xij day off Januar the yer of the reigne of Kyng Edward the iiij^{te}, aftyr the Conquest of England xvij. wytneseth that this is the parfyth and last wyll of me Margaret late the wyff off John Odeham of Bury Seynt Edmund aboue seid, in my pure wedowed, made of alle the londe wyth an hows set in Bury aforseyd in the Skynn^{r} Rowe, the whych londe lyen in the feelde of Bury aforseyd, that is to say, in the est felde, south feld, and

west feld, and in the feldꝭ of Berton be syde Bury, in the feldꝭ of Nowton, Hornyngisherth the Lesse, Hornyngisherthe the More, and Westle, the which londꝭ lying in thez places rehersyd, wyth the hows in the Skynner Row aboueseyd, I geue to Walter Thruston, aldyrman of the towne of Bury Seynt Edmond, Robt Gardyner, William Twaytꝭ the older, Thomas Edon, Clement Clerk, John Foster, Symond Clerk, Thomas Bunnyng, John Mey the older, Thomas Emmys, John Gowty, William Copynger, Laurens Smyth, Robt Cryppyng, John Salman, William Twaytꝭ the yongꝰ, John Salꝰ, John Hempston, William Sygo, John Berewey goldsmyth, Reynold Chardero, John Sergeaunt, John Basse, John Sporle, William Lyenge, and to John Mey the yongꝰ, To haue and to hold the seyd hows, with all the seyd londꝭ, medowes, pasturez, wt all the apprteñncez, as they be sett and lyen in the townes and feldꝭ aboueseyd, to them and to ther heyeres and to ther assignerꝰ for euꝰmore, of the lordꝭ of that ffee, be the ꝰsuicez therof by ryght dewe and accustumed, for that entent to fulfylle and execute thys my wyll in all thyngꝭ as ys wretyn and conteyned in thys wrytyng folwyng: Fyrst I wyll that the seyd Margaret haue and receyue duryng my lyff all the yssues, reuenues, and ꝓfytes of all the forsayd londys, wyth the hows and ther apprteñncꝭ, wythoutyn any contradyc̃on, lette, or inꝰrupcion of the seyd feoffees or any in her namys. And afftyr my dyscees I wyll that my seyd feffes haue and receyue all manꝰ yssues and ꝓfytes of the seyd hows and londꝭ, wyth all ther apprtenñcꝭ, for euꝰmore, to that entent that my seyd feoffes shall in the worshyppe and honour of God, oure Lady Seynt Mary, and all the holy company off Hevene, ffynde a lampe brennyng be fore the holy Sacramẽt in Seynt Jamys chyrche contynually boþe day and nyght. Also I wyll that the seyd ffeffes shall fynde and hyre an honest ꝰpest of good conuꝰsacyoñ, in the maner of a chauntry preest, ꝓpetually to pray and synge for the sowlys of John Odeham and Margaret hys wyff, and for the sowlys of Margarete and Alys sumtyme wyffes of the seyd John Odeham, our ffadyrs, our modyrs, and our ij. doughters Margarete

and Anne, John Ansty and John Malburgħ ther husbondꝭ, Roƀt Wyset, our benefactours, and for all crysteñ sowlys, thes seyd preest to haue ix marc̃ of laufull mony off Englond yeerly to hys hyre and pencion, the wheche preest shall sey messe at the aughter of Seynt Laurens in the chyrche of Seynt Jamys aforeseyd. Also the seyd preest for evyrmore in euꝰy prynsypall ffest thoroughoute the yeer, and euꝰy Sunday, and at othyr festꝭ that he thynk necessary or expedyent, shall sey messe in the chapeƚƚ of the gaole ĩ Bury afore the prysoners ther, yewyng to them hooly watyr and hooly bred on Sundays. Also I wyll and ordeyn that ther be youe to the prysoners of yᵉ longe warde of the seyd gaole euery weke vij. fagotes of woode from Halowmesse vnto Eaister yeerly, the pⁱce of the c fagotꝭ iij s̃. vj đ. And the seyd fagotꝭ to be layde and kepte in the seyd hows in the Skynnꝰ Rowe. Also I wyll that the same ffeoffees the whyche arñ and her afƚꝰ shall be in the hows, londꝭ, and tenementꝭ youen to the town of Bury by John Smyth, esquier, shall also in lyke wyse be enfeoffed in all my londꝭ and hows aboue rehersyd, wyth ther appʳtenᵃ̃ncꝭ, and the alenacion of that oon alway to folowe that othyr. Also I graunt to the seyd feffeeȝ and brethern off Candylmesse yilde euꝰy yer on Candylmesse day ij s̃. of mony to drynk in wyne, and I wyll the resydue off yssues and ꝑfytes of my seyd londꝭ be delyd in almesse and othyr dedꝭ of mercy. Also I wyll the aldyrman, dye, and auditours of the sayd Candylmesse yilde haue suꝑuysyᵒn, gouꝰnaunce, and elecc̃on off the preest, and also of all the yssues and ꝑfytes of the seyd londꝭ and hows aforseyd, to fulfylle and ꝑfoʳme thys my wyll a forn rehersyd, and the seyd feoffes shall make an oothe to fulfyll thys my wyll afore rehersyd before thoo ꝑsones and feoffes whych arñ sworn to the wyll of the sayd John Smyth. Also I wyll the sayd feoffes in my londꝭ and hows abouesayd, wyth aƚƚ the brethern of Candylmesse ylde, be partyners of the sayd merytes of the sayd lampe founde be fore the Sacrament, and preest ꝑpetually synggyng, and of the almesse youen in to the gaole aforn sayd, and othyr dedys off mercy that shall be dysposid

of the seyd yssues growyng of the seid londꝭ in tyme to come for euyrmore. Also I wyll that thys my wyll euꝰy yeer att Candylmesse yilde be redde whan the wyll of John Smyth esquier is redde be forn the seyd brethirn of that yilde. Also I wyll that in the stede of an aldirman, dye, or auditours of the seyd yilde faylyng, than iiij of the lyklyest than leuyng of the seyd ffeoffees shall haue the eleccyon of the seyd preest, supvysion, and gouꝰnaunce of att the londꝭ and hows wyth ther apprtenñcꝭ, yssuez, and ꝑfites aforseyd comyng of the same, dysposyng them accordyng to my wyll afore rehersyd, hauyng a speciatt regard for repacion of the sayd hows whan nede shall be. Also I wyll that my seyd feoffees in the londꝭ and hows aboueseyd haue the kepyng of the dedys cõcernyng the same, the terrere wyth that oon partye of thys indentur be putte and kepte in the hutche of the Gyldehalle and the ꝑest for the tyme beyng to haue and kepe that othyr of the indentur in testimony of the trought. Also I wyll that if the seyd preest be nat vertuously disposyd, as is conuenyent to the ordyr of preesthood, that vpon hym dewly preuyd withoute malice or evill wyll, that than the seyd aldyrman, dye, or audytours and feoffees in the stede of them faylyng, shall afꝰ resonable warnyng and ther monycion avoyde hym and purvey a nothyr prest of good gydyng and disposycion, the whyche preest I wyll shall calle vpon, meve, and store that all thyngꝭ in my seyd wyll be ꝑformyd and doon euꝰy yere yf he se othyr be slakke or necligent. Also I wyll that all the seyd tenñtꝭ be partytakers of the merytes afore rehersyd. And also I wyll that my preest be no comon debite but an helper att nede to devyne ꝓuyce. Also I wyll that yff the preest dyscees, and the suꝰyce of the seyd chaunꝯy stonde voyde any ꝑme, shorte or longe, the mony that is gadryd for the seyd preest of the forseyd londꝭ be dysposed to the poore folkꝭ in the town of Bury aboueseyd. And I wyll that they that shall haue the labour yeerly for the gadryng of the rentꝭ, yssues, and ꝑfytes growyng for the seyd londꝭ shall haue for their labour suyche reward as the aldyrman, dye, and auditourz for the tyme beyng, by

ther discrecioũs wyll reward hem of that shall remayne more than s⁹ue and content the preest, the lampe, and the woode. Also I wyll that as ofte as any of my seyd feoffees assemble to gedyr for any speciall mater concernyng thees ⁹mysses at the Gyldehalle or ellys where, they shalle haue for to drynk among them vj d. of mony, to be takyn of the yssues and ꝓfytes of the seyd londꝭ aboueseyd. Also I geue and bequeth to Wylliam Thweytꝭ the older, gentylman, Thomas Edon gentylman, William Baret gentylman, Rychard Morysby gentylman, Roƀt Gardener, Thomas Langham, Thomas Bunnyng, William Copynger, John Salꝭ, John Meye, Reynold Chardero, Joħn Berewey goldsmyth, John Gowty, Thomas Larke, John Salman, John Sergeaunt, John Basse, Reynold Chyrche, John Elys, Wylliam Honyborne, William Lenge, and Thomas Strayles, ij. tenementꝭ wyth thapprtenaunceȝ to gedyr sette and lyeng wythynne the burgh of Bury Seynt Edmūd in a strete callyd the Chyrchegatestrete, wyth dyꝰs other tenantryes sette and lyeng in the markett stede, as the dedys and a state therof made make mencion, to them, there heireȝ, and assignes, to be hadde and holdyn for euyrmore, to thys intent, that aftyr myñ decesse, wyth the yssues and profytes of the same, wyth thapprtenancꝭ, yerely wythoutenende, on the day next aftyr the purificac̃on of oure Lady Vyrgyne, in the chyrche of the ffrerys of Babbewelle, by the couent of the same place for the tyme beyng, *Placebo* and *Dirige* with othyr p"yerys and obs⁹uancꝭ to them ꝓteynyng, and vpon the next day aftyr that a messe of *Requiem* shalbe seid and songyn for the sowlys of John Odeham, late myn husbond, the sowle of me the seyd Margarete, the sowlys of our ffatherꝭ and motherꝭ, the sowlys of Anne and Margarete our doughterꝭ, and the sowlys of the bretheryn and susteryn of the gylde callid Candylmesse Gylde, holdyn wythynne the burgh aforseyd, ffor the whych *Placebo*, *Dirige*, prayerꝭ, obs⁹uancꝭ, and messe of *Requiem* the seyd ffrerys for the tyme beyng, to the vse and profite of ther howse, shall haue yerely, wythouteende, vj s̄. viij d. of the aldyrman and dye of the gylde aforseyd. Also I wull that aftyr myñ decesse, of

the yssues and profytes of all the londꝭ and tenementꝭ aforseyd yerely wythoute ende to the couent of the ffrerys of Babbewelle, that ys to seye, to euꝰy ffrere for hys part be delt a loof pⁱce oƀ, and to pore and nedy pepyll the s resydue of xx s. be delt in brede at the Gyldehalle of the burgh aforeseyd, to praye for the sowlys aforeseyd. Also I wyll that the ffrerys of Babbewell haue a copy of this myn ꝑsent [writing] and wyll, ther to remayne for euyrmore. Also I wull that aftyr myn decesse be song and kepte yerely wythoute ende in the chyrche of Seynt Jamys of the same burgh a *sangrede* for the sowlys of the seyd Joħn Odeham, Margarete hys wyff, Anne and Margarete ther doughterꝭ, the soule of John Forster, and for the sowlys of the bretheryn and susteryn of the seyd gylde, for the whyche *sangrede* shalle be payed yerely wythoutend iij s. iiij d. Also I wull that myñ chaunterye preest for the tyme beyng haue hys hool dute and sallarie, as well seke as heyll, ꝑme of hys lyff, so that the pⁱsoners of the gaole of the seyd burgh be wele sꝰuyd of messe vpon the Sunday. Also I wull that myn seid chauntery preest for the tyme beyng, what so evyr he be, shall be a brothyr in the gylde aforeseyd. Also I wull that the aldyrman of the seyd gylde, dye, auditorys, feoffys infeoffyd in the seid tenementꝭ and tenauntryes aforeseyd, ner non of the bretheren of the forseyd gylde, shall selle nor putte aweye the teñtꝭ and tenñtryes aforseyd vnto that tyme that they haue pʳchasyd as moche londe, medewe, or pastur as is to the yerely value of the teñtꝭ and tenᵃntryeȝ aforeseyd. Also I wull that aftyr myn decesse the aldyrman and dye of the seyd gylde for the tyme beyng haue yerely wythoutende for ther labour ij s. and the clerk for redyng of the statutes of the seyd gylde and of my last wyll, whan the last wyll of John Smyth, late of Bury, esquier, owethe to be redde, iiij d. Inᵗ wyttnesse of these ꝑmysses in thys cedule contentid the same cedule is annexid to myn testament and last wyll indentyd, with my seaℓℓ asselid, wyttnessyng the ryght reuꝰent and wurchepfull ꝑsonys in the forseyd testament and last wyll indentyd playnly namyd. In to the seight and testymony of all thees thyngꝭ, and

that this ꝑsent wrytyng indentyd in ij partes of this my last wyll may haue strenghte alway to abyde and knowe opynly to all men, I haue sealyd eythyr parte therof in the day, place, and yer aboueseyd, wyttnessyng, the right reuent ffadyr in God, Rychard, Abbott of the monastery of Seynt Edmūde in Bury, and Thomas, Priour of the same, wyth many moo.

[Lib. Pye, f. 8.]

Willᵃm Honyboorn, of Bury, dyer.—1493.

In the name of God Amen. I, Willᵃm Honyboorn, of Bury Seynt Edmūde, dyer, the first day of June, the yeer of our Lord God Mᶦcccclxxxxiij. beyng in hooll and ꝑfight mende, at Bury aforseid, make and ordeyn this my ꝑsent testament and last will in the manꝰ and fourme foluyng: First, I bequethe my soule to God Almyghty, his most blessed moder our Lady Seynt Mary, and to all the hooly cumpany of hevyn, and my body to be buried in the chirche yerde of Seynt James. Also I will and ordeyn that pⁱncypaly be fore all thyngꝭ my dettꝭ, truly knowen and ꝑved, ben paid wᵗouten ony delay. Also I bequethe to the high aughter of Seynt James, in Bury afornseid, for my tythes and offryngꝭ forgetyn and not paid, iij s. iiij d. Also I bequethe to the gilde of the holy name of Jħu, holden at the collage, xij d. Also I bequethe to Kateryñ my wyff my best syluꝰ pece, vj syluꝰ sponys of the best sorte, my cupbord stondyng in my halle, my best ffetherbedde wᵗ the traunsome, a whyte selour and a testour theron, wᵗ iij white curteyns therto, a couꝰlight white and blewe lyeng on the same bedde, wᵗ the blankettꝭ, halff a garnyssh of counterfete pewꝑ vesselł, ij the grettest ketylles, ij the best sylken gerdelys harnęysed wᵗ sylu, and my werst sylken gerdyll, harneysed wᵗ sylu, wᵗ this condic̃on, that she bye another for Anneys my doughter to halff the value of the werst gerdell; a hutche, oon of my best candelstykꝭ, wᵗ another flatt candelstyke of laton, wᵗ an c s. in mony. Also I bequethe to Kateryn my wyff my countour stond-

yng in my ꝑlour, wt this condic̃on, that she bye another for my doughter Anneys, to the value of viij s̃. Also I bequethe to Thomas my son iij sylu⁹ sponys of the werste sorte, a pewꝺ basyn, a basyn of laton, a copho^r stondyng at the north gate wt a cheyr therby, ij peyr shetys, a peyr blankettꝭ, a matras, a bolster wt a cou⁹light therto. Also I bequethe to Anneys my doughter vj sylu⁹ sponys of the best sorte, a ffetherbedde next the best, a materas lyeng vnd⁹ the same, iiij peyr shetys, iij pelowes, a peyr blankettꝭ, an holow basyn of laton, ij fflat basyns of laton, wherof on is wt bolyons, my best pewter basyn, my best hangyng lauour stondyng in my ꝑlour, a sars of laton, a chaffyng dysshe of laton, halff a garnyssh of counto^rfete pewter vessell, iij ketelys of the smallest, a brast potte, my sylu⁹ pece next the best, a lowe candilstyke of laton, oon of my candelstykꝭ and ij. high candilstykꝭ of laton, a whyte selour and a testo^r wt a dobyll valaunce, iij white curteyns, a grene cou⁹light, a peyre bedys of jeete, gaudied wt corall, pater nosters sylu⁹ and gilt, a litell spruce forcer, my blewe gerdell next the best, harneysed wt sylu⁹, a stondyng chafour to hete in water, a close cheyr, a flatt stoole, a spruce hutche, a chafour wt a stele, a trevid, a speete wt an aundeiren, iiij. cusshons wt a banker of tapstrywerke. Also I bequethe to the seid Anneys my doughter my ij. tenementꝭ set in the Northgatestrete, the wiche I p^rchased of John Smyth esquyer, to hold to her in ffe foreu⁹. The residue of my goodes not gevyn nor bequethed I geve and bequethe vnto the disposic̃on of myn executo^rs vnderwretyn, to selle, receyve, and distribute in almes and other dedys of charite as shalbe thought to them most best for the wele of my soule. Also I p^ry and requyre all my coeffeffes, the wiche ben infeffed in my forseid ij tenementꝭ, that thei delyu⁹ an estate vnto Agnes my doughꝺ whan so eu⁹ thei be requyred. And of this my ꝑsent testament and last will I make and ordeyn myn executo^rs the forseid Kateryn my wiff and John Boole. And I bequethe to the seid John, for his labo^r, vj s̃. viij đ. In to witnesse of the wiche thyng to this ꝑsent testament and last will I haue sette my

seale. These witnessen, Richard Emmys, Richard Stok, John Cokett, and other. Yoven the day and yeer abouewretyn.

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[Lib. Pye, f. 19 b.]

John Bawde, of Woolpett.—1501.

In Dei noĩe Amen. I John Bawde, of Woolpett, w^tin the dios of Norwich, the xvij day of the monyth of Apryll, in the yer of our Lord Jhu Crist Mcj°. by the g^ace of God beyng in full [mind] and p^rpose to seke the holy place wher the blyssyd and holy Apostyll Seynt Jamys lyth, alle tho wyllys abieured and revokyd byfor thys day mad stondyng att no effect, now graunte thys my last wyll and testament, in thys wyse: Fyrst I bequethe my sowle to Almyghty God my maker, our blyssyd Lady the Virgine, and all seynts, my body to reste jn sweche place as God hath prouydyd for jt. Also I beqũethe to the hye avter of the sayd chyrche of Wolpett in recōpēsyng my tythys and offeryngge n^eligētly payd xij d. Also I bequethe to the ffryers att Babwell for a trentall to be songe for my soule x s. Also I wyll that the tabernacle of Seynt Jamys weche I ded make jn the north yle, and the troues of the auter ther by, be well and suffyciētly peyntyd and a cloth bougth to saue the sayd tabernacle frō soyle; also the stooll weche I ded make, coloord and garnyschyd w^t scalepps and othyr sygnys of Seynt Jamys. Also I bequethe to the gylde of our Lady in Woolpett xij d. Also I bequethe to s^r Nycholas Kyng my godson vj s. viij d. and to eche othyr of my godsonys xij d. Also I wyll and desyr that my executors see that Margaret my wyff haue her yerly pension and dewte growyng frō Will^am my son, lyke as the jndenture of couenaunte betwen hym and me mad more pleynly declaryth, duryng the terme of the lyff of the sayd Margett, and also the yerly valew of my tenemēt jn Wolpett, and my londe, medewys, and pasture, and feedyngge weche I holde in the townys of Wolpett and Elmesett be trouly content

to the sayd Margarett my wyff duryng the ꝯme of her lyff. Also I wyll that my qwyk catall weche I have jn the handꝭ of John my sone be renewyd jn tyme, sauyd and kept jn as good valew as I leve them jn at my deꝑtyng, and the yerly valew ther to be truly cōtent to the sayd Margarete my wyff duryng the terme of her lyff, except I charge my feffoo^{r}s that they delyu^{ꝰ} strengthe jn as moche londe as jt most redyest mony to be had for to my executoo^{r}s, as they may ꝑfyghthly ꝑforme thys my last wyll and testament. Also I bequethe to Alys my doughther on cors gyrdyll of cooloo^{r} blew, harnest w^{t} sylu^{ꝰ}. Also I bequethe to Jane my doughter jn lawe on cors gyrdyll, coolo^{r} blew, harnest w^{t} sylu^{ꝰ} and gylt. Also I bequethe to Margarett Barbo^{r} late my ꝯuaunt on cors gyrdyll reed, harnesid w^{t} sylu^{ꝰ}. Also I bequethe to the Image of our Lady jn the chapell of Wulpett on cors gyrdyll of coloo^{r} blak, harnest w^{t} sylu^{ꝰ}, her to hono^{r} jn that place as longe as it may jndure. Also I bequethe to Roƀt Coorio^{r} othyrwyse callyd Tyler on doblett. Also I bequethe to Raff Pie on doblett, on peyr of hosyn. Also I bequethe to Margarett my wyff all my stuff of houshold, as brass, beddyng, and all othyr movable thyngꝭ, excepte my werkyng toole, weche I wyll that John my sone haue. Also I wyll all sweche clothys as I haue, and my wyff also sweche as she may spare att her laist day, bee egally deuydyd betwen John my sone and Alys my dougther. Also I wyll that att the deth of Margarete my wyff be spent xl s̃. to brynge her to the erthe and jn remēbraunce of me. The residew of my goodꝭ, movable and onmovable, then sparyd, I wyll they holy remayne to John my sone, to holde to hẏ, hys eyrs, and hys assignes eu^{ꝰ}lastyng. Moreou^{ꝰ}, if it happe Wyll^{a}m my sone to dye w^{t}out eyrs of hys body lawfully begotyn, than I wyll that the tenemēt namyd the Cok, w^{t} all the ꝑtynaunce therto belongyng, be solde by the handꝭ of my executoo^{r}s, and the mony therof comyng, the fyrst ꝑt, I wyll jt be gwovyn to a pryst to synge for me and all my benefactoo^{r}s by the terme of a holl yer, and the ij^{de} ꝑte of the mony, as fast as jt may be receyuyd, I wyll ther be bougth on peyr

of orgonys to the chyrche of Wulpett; and all the resydew of mony comyng of the sale of the sayd tenemēt, I wyll jt be bestowyd vpon the lengthyng of the north yle of the sayd chyrche, if the town be dysposyd to helpe forward that werk, or ellys ony othyr werk necessary to the sayd chyrche. All this my requestꝭ byfor rehersyd I graunt to be ꝑfo^{r}myd by the handꝭ of my executoo^{r}s, whom I ordeyne and make my welbelouyd jn Crist Thom^{a}s Bakou^{r}, s̃ Nicholas Kyng, and my reuent Lord Abbott of the monastery of Seynt Edmūde of Bury to haue the supuision, so that they ordeyne and dyspose for the helthe of my soule as they se best God be plesyd, takyng for ther labou^{r} acordyng to good cõscience. In w^{t}ness wherof to thys my last wyll and testamēt I haue putt to my seale. Gwouyn att Wolpett byfor sayd the yer and daye abovewretyn.

Probat. 10 Nov. 1503.

[Lib. Bonor, f. 136 ^{b}.]

Nicholas Talbot.—1501.

In the name of God, so be yt. In the yeer of oure Lord Jħu Criste Mcccccj. the viijth day of the month of June, the xvj yeer of kyng Herry the vijth. I, Nicholas Talbot, beyng in myn hoole mende, make my testament in thys maner as folowth:—Fyrste, I bequeth my soule to Almyghty God my maker, to oure blyssed Seynt Mary, and to alle the seyntꝭ in hevyn, and my body, if it happyt me to deꝑte w^{t}in vij. myle of gret Berkehm̃stē, to be buryed ther w^{t}in the chapell of oure Lady, betwyx the ymage of our Lady of Pyte and the ymage of oure Lady of G^{a}ce, w^{t}in the parysche chyrche of the seyd town. Itm I bequeth to ye hyght aughter of the seyd chyrche vj s̃. viij đ. Itm I bequeth to the chyrche warkeȝ of the same chyrche for the buryng of my body, if it be buryed ther, xx s̃. It I wyll that a good and vertuse prest

rede and synge for me afᵗ my decesse the space of vij yeers; and yf he benot vertuose, I prey you that be myñ executoʳs let hym be changyd. Itē I will that a prest syng for Jane my wyff the space of an hole yeer. Itē I will that a ꝑst syng for my lady Cecyle, late Duches of Yorke, the space of a hole yeer. Itē I will that a prest syng and rede foʳ Dauyd Gryffyn, the ffyrst husbond of Jane my wyffe, the space of ij yeerꝭ. Itē I wyll that a prest syng the space of ij yeerꝭ for my brothyr Edmūdꝭ soule and alle my bretherñ and sustereñ sowlys. Itē I wyll that a prest immediatly afᵗ my decesse rede and synge in Slaebooṝy in Bollond the space of an hoole yeer, and to pᵃy for all tho that I am dette bownde to do. Itē I will that a ꝑst syng at Stedde in Lancastyr sheyre, where as my ffader and modir is buryed, by the space of an hoole yeer, and to prey for all tho that I am dette bownde to do and pᵃy for, and for my ffatherꝭ sowle and motherꝭ and godfatherꝭ and godmotherꝭ and my brederyñ and susteryñ, and for all the sowlys that I haue ony god of [any goods of], rygthwysly and specyally for thos sowlys that Nicholas, Jane, and Dauyd hath hade ony goods of wrongfully. Itē I wyll that a ꝑst syng by the space of a hoole yeer for the sowlys of Syr Wiłłm Ioies late ꝑson of Blygthburght, Syr Herry Mathew late ꝑson of Berkehᵃmstede, Syr John Moyr late ꝑson of the same, and also late ꝑson of the North chyrche, and Syr Thomas Ly late ꝑson of Berkehᵃmstede, and for Syr Herry Hymnorth nowe ꝑson of Blythburght, and for all the sowlys that I haue do ony wrong on to or fare the bettyr by. And to all curatꝭ that I haue don ony wrong in payng of my tithez. And I bequeth to the ornamētꝭ of the chyrche of Blythburght xxxiij ʂ. iiij đ. Itē I bequeth to the chargꝭ of the taxe that shall falle afᵗ my decesse to the inħitooʳs in the seydtowne for swechꝭ wrongꝭ as I haue don wyth my catell, and I bechese them that ben on lyve to pᵃy for them that ben deptyd that I haue don wrong vnto, vj ʂ. viij đ. Itm I bequeth iij quarters of malt to be distrybute to the pore peopyll of the seyd chyrche or ꝑysche, or as myche mony as iij

quarters shall drawe to, aft̃ iij s̃. iiij đ. the quarter. It̃ I bequethe [to the curate ?] of the same town for the tyme beyng xij đ. It̃m I bequeth to the ꝑyschooñs of the town of Greyngh^{a}m iij quarters of malt, to be distribute amonge the pore peopyll of the same towne. It̃ I bequeth to ward the charge of the taxe next folowyng aft̃ my decesse, for sweche wrongꝭ as I haue don to them w^{t} my catell, v s̃. and I bechese them that ben on lyve to p^{a}y for them that ben deꝑtyd that I haue don wrong onto. It̃ I bequeth to the curate of the same towne for the tyme beyng xij đ. It̃m I bequeth to the towuñ of Wyllyngton, towards the charge of the taxe, or as them semyth beste for them, for sweche wrongꝭ as I haue do to them w^{t} my catell, vj s̃. viij đ., and I bechese them that ben on live to prey for them that ben deꝑtyd that I haue don wrong onto. It̃ I bequeth to the curate of the same towne for the tyme beyng xij đ. It̃ I bequeth to ye town of Waddyngh^{a}m, toward the taxe, for sweche wrongꝭ as I haue don w^{t} my catell, iij s̃. iiij đ., and I bechese them that been on lyve to prey for them that ben deꝑtyd that I haue don wrong onto. It̃ I bequeth to the curate of the same chyrche callyd Seynt Mary chyrche in the same towuñ for the tyme beyng vj đ. It̃m I bequeth to the curate of Seynt Petyr chyrche in the same towuñ for the tyme beyng vj đ. It̃m I bequeth to the vilag̃ of Snerterby, for sweche chargꝭ as I haue takyn of them wyth my catell, x s̃. It̃ I bequeth to the curate of the seyd vilage for the tyme beyng xij đ. It̃m to the curate of Kyrktoon, in Lyndese, for the tyme beyng xij đ. It̃m I bequeth to the vicar of Bushthop Norton for the tyme beyng, to prey for my sowle, xij đ. and I bechese and p^{a}y all the forseyd curatys for the tyme beyng to bechese all ther ꝑyschyners aft̃ my decesse to p^{a}y for my sowle, and to forgeue me that I haue trespasyd agyn them, and to p^{a}y for the sowlys that was of ther ꝑyscheners that ben past that I haue trespasyd on to. It̃m I bequeth to my lady Kateryn, my lord Will^{a}m of Suff. wyff, a ryng w^{t} a dyamond therin. It̃m I bequeth to John Sowthword, my lord Will^{a}m seruaunt, a doblet of veluet. It̃m I bequeth to Antony, my lord

Will^{a}m s̃uaunt, v s̃. It̃ I bequeth to Mystres Elizabeth, dwellyng w^{t} my lady Kateryn, a relyke that hangyth a bowt my necke w^{t} ij ymagꝭ ther vpon, that on of our lord the othyr of our lady. It̃ I bequeth to Maysteres Anne Ewelm, dwellyng w^{t} my seyd lady Kateryn, a ymage of gold of the ffigure of Seynt Vryeos. It̃ I bequeth to my lady Anne Sulyard of Wethyrden a Seynt Gregorius pyte of gold enamelyd and a lytyll boke that she gaue me. It̃ I bequeth to my neve Gylis Talbot iij ł̃i. It̃ I bequeth to my neve Edmūd Talbot xl s̃. It̃ I wyll that my neve Geylys Levesey haue xl s̃. It̃ I bequeth to Edmūde Leuesey xx s̃. And to Nicholas Levesey x s̃. It̃ I bequeth to my cosyn Richard Batyrsby a long gown worth xx s̃. or ellys xx s̃. in mony, to prey for my sowle. It̃ I bequeth to Raff Ashton xx^{ti} ewys. It̃m I bequeth to Richard Ward, my s̃uaunt, that tenement, wyth the appꝑtenauncez, in Blyburght, wyche I purch̃ed of Billyall, in the weche the seyd Richard dwellyth, to whom I geue and bequeth the same ffor sweche true s̃uyce as he hath don to me, and trust that he wyll do to my soule. It̃ I bequeth to the seid Ric̃ Ward xx^{ti} ewys and my syde tawȳney gown. It̃ I bequeth to Gylbert Talbot iij ł̃i. vj s̃. viij đ. in mony or in mony worth. It̃ I bequeth to John Nyxson late of Barkh^{a}mstede x s̃. It̃m I bequeth to Robert Franke v s̃. It̃m I bequeth to John Herryson, yf he lyue aft̃ me, vj s̃. viij đ. It̃ I bequeth to Willm Kyrkeby iij s̃. iiij đ. It̃m I bequeth to Herry Tompson iij s̃. iiij đ. Thes forseyd ꝑsones dwellyng w^{t} my lady Cecile Duches of Yorke, on whos soulys Ih̃u haue m̃cy. It̃m I bequeth to Sr Thomas Ryle p̃st, late of Berkh^{a}mstede, v s̃. It̃ I bequeth to Will^{a}m Ryche of the seyd Berkh^{a}mstede iij s̃. iiij đ. It̃m I bequeth to John Lavrence of the same town iij s̃. iiij đ. It̃m I bequeth to Owayn Will^{a}m Receyu̅ of Berkh^{a}mstede ij yerds of damaske. It̃m I bequeth to the ꝑson of Berkh^{a}mstede a Seynt Antony crosse. It̃ I bequeth to Will^{a}m Petit x s̃. It̃m I bequethe to Nicholas Eu̅ard, my s̃uaunt, x s̃. It̃m I bequeth to Mast̃ Richard Hyndm̃che ꝑson of Bliburght x s̃. It̃m I bequeth to Thomas my s̃uaunt, Thomas Smyth, x s̃. It̃m

I bequeth to Herry Hernes my ꝟuaunt and to hys wyff the ij. howsys w^t the closse w^towt the Estgate of the maner of Blyburght duryng the lyffe of my lady Elisabeth the duches of Suff. Item I bequeth to the seyd Herry Hernes iiij. kye and xx^ti ewys, sweche as he wyll take, and a doblet of leder. Item I bequeth to Robert Novell and Alys his wyff v s. Item I bequeth to Thomas West my ꝟuaunt xx s. and hys wag̃s and my rydyng gown, furryd as y^t is. Item I bequeth to Will^am Graunte that was my ꝟuaunt, he dwellyth in Abyngton, v s. Item I bequeth to John Arundell late my ꝟuaunt vj s. viij d. Item forgevenes of iiij li. weche he owyth me and more mony. Item I bequeth to George Tendall, late my ꝟuaunt, xiij s. iiij d. and my tawney gown furryd w^t ffoxe. Item I bequethe to the wardens of the chyrche of Suthwell, to eche on of them viij d. Item I bequethe to the vicars and to the chawñery ꝑstys in the seyd chyrche, to sey *Diryge* and messe for my soule, to eche of them vj d. and to mynysters and queresteres af^ꝑ the rate. Item I bequeth to Thomas Borowe, late ꝟuaunt wyth my brothyr Mas^ꝑ Will^am, vj s. viij d. Item I bequeth to Janet Glover dwellyng in Cledro in Lancastyr iij s. iiij d. And to be distribute for hyr fader soule and hyr moder soule iij s. iiij d. and if she be deꝑtyd, that then the seyd vj s. viij d. be distribute for all ther soulys. Item I bequeth to the iiij. orders of ffryers in London l s., that is to sey, the blake ffryers xx s., and grey ffryers and to the wyte ffryers and to the austen ffryers, to eche of them x s. Item I bequeth to the ꝑsoners in Newgate, Ludgate, to the Kyngs Benche, and to the Marshalsy, to eche of them vj s. viij d. and to be delyu̅yd to them in brede. Item I will the tenemēt wythe apꝑten^ncez lying in the town and ffelds of Grengh^m aforseyd, the weche I purchased of Robert Novell, af^ꝑ my decesse remaynyng to heyrez of Willm Roger and to the heyres of hys body lavfully begotyn for eu̅more, Item I will that if the forseyd Robert Novell decesse before me. that than immediatly the forseyd tenement, w^t all the apꝑtenaunez therto be longyng, remayne to ye right heyrez of the forseyd Willm Roger of hys body lavfully begotyn for eu̅more. Item

I will that my tenaynts in Grengh^{a}m, that is to sey, Sempryngh^{a}m Barbyr and John Stevenson, be depdond of ye half of all ther rents that xall be due oñ to me to the Mychelmesse next aft̃ my decesse, if thei be my tenantꝭ at that tyme. It̄ I will that all suche londs as I haue in Sledbõy-Wodhuse in Bollond, at Michelmesse aft̃ the day of my dicesse, remayne to Gylys Talbot and to hys heyres of hys body lawfully begotyn for eu⁹more; and for defavte of heyreys, retorne to the yssue of my sustyr Anne Levesey and to hyr heyrers of hyr body laufully begotyn. It̄m I bequeth to Wiłłm Levesey iij score of shepe as he hath wyth hym of myn. It̄m I will that Syr John Talbot knyth haue my best gown. It̄ I bequeth to Edmūd Talbot, the heyer of Basehall, my blake gowun lyned w^{t} sarsenet. It̄ I will that ther be disposyd in almesse, in a recompense of suche mony as I haue wanne or loste in gamyng, xx s̃. It̄ I bequeth to John Wythe x s̃. It̄ to Richard Esmond my blake gowun lyned, and vj s̃. viij đ. It̄ I bequeth to Richard Grey v s̃.; and to Arthur Cotell v s̃.; and to Robert Thorn v s̃.; and to Rob̄t Donne v s̃.; and to Walter Evenott iij s̃. iiij đ. It̄ to Jamys Hunnter vj s̃. viij đ. It̄ to Mastres Norsh v s̃. It̄ to Elizabeth Put̃nh^{a}m iij s̃. iiij đ. It̄ to Will^{a}m Pynner v s̃. It̃m I bequeth to Richard Sutton iiij łi. It̄ to Herry Tetyngworth iiij łi.; and to Richard Ward xl s̃.; and to Syr John Pecoke xl s̃. It̄ I bequeth to Mast^{r} Doctor Curteys, the p^{i}or of the Fryers Austyns in Norwysche, vj s̃. viij đ. It̄m I bequeth to the brethern in the same howse of the Fryers Austeyns, to be distributed among them, vj s̃. viij đ. It̄ I bequeth to John Chambyr, prentyse w^{t} my cosyn Chatherall in London, xx đ. It̄ I bequeth to the Whyte Fryers in Aylysfford xxvj s̃. viij đ. that I lent to the p^{i}or of the same howse, and to the seyd sũme I geue them iij s̃. iiij đ., and so the hole sũme is xxx s̃., for the weche xxx s̃. I will that the forseyd ffryers sey for the helth of my soule iij trentalls. It̄m I will that Mas⁹ Raff Werney haue my gret ryng w^{t} a diamond therin; and my mystres his wiff a lityll chyst of yvery. It̄ I will that Syr Thomas Markꝭ haue

vj s. viij d.; and Mast Hedyngton v s.; and to John Penyng ij s. It to Syr Thomas, my lord Willm pst, iij s. iiij d. It I will that ther be distribute for the soule of my suaunt Robert Blakall late decessed vj. s. viij d. It I will that all suche howsys and landꝭ as I haue wtin the towne or felds of Grenghām be sold by the advise of myn executors, and to be disposyd for my soule and Jane my wyff, my ffatherꝭ soule, my motherꝭ soule, my godfathyrꝭ soule, my godmotherꝭ soule, my bretheren and susterens sowlys, and Dauy Gryffyn sowle. It I will that my chene of gold and my crosse of gold, conteynyng in weyte xvj vñcꝭ and di., be sold by myn executors, and the mony therof comyng to go to the pformance of thys my testament. It I will that John Etoon haue alowyd iij li. to hym of the laste payment of mony that he owyth on to me. The residue of all my goodꝭ, catallꝭ, and dettꝭ what so euꝰ thei be, not bequethed, afꝰ my dettꝭ payd, my funerall expens done, and these my legattꝭ herin conteynyth truly fulfyllyd, I geue and bequeth hooly to Richard Suttoon, to Herry Tetyngworth, Richard Ward, and to Syr John Pacoke prest, whom I make myn executors, thei to distribute the seyd residue for the helth of my soule in dedꝭ of mꝰcy, pety, and scharite, as thei will answere afore Jhu our maker and redemer, and I bequeth them for ther labor that is aboue bequethed to them. And of thys my psent testament, I ordeyn and make my lord Willm of Suff. supviso; and I bequeth to the seyd lord Willm for hys labor a ryng of gold wt a toorkes set in. It and a sperver of sylke wt a cowntyr poynte of the same. Witnesse of thys my psent testament and last wyll, Willm of Moor, of Bury Seynt Edmūds, yoman.

Probat. 4 Aug. 1501. [Lib. Pye, f. 114b.]

John Coote.—1502.

In the name of God Amen. The xviijth day of Decembyr, the yeꝛ of our Lord God Mlccccc and ij, I, John Coote, beyng in

good and ryght mende, make my wyll and testament in thys wysse: Fyrste, I bequeth my soule to Almighty God, to our lady Seynt Mary, and to all the seyntꝭ in hevyn, and my body to be buryed in the chyrche3erde by my fader and moder, and myn chyldren, and by the grave of Masꝑ John Mosse, ꝑst. Also I bequeth to the hight aughtr in Seynt Mary chyrche for fawte of thithyng and offryng nectlygently forgotyn iij s. iiij d. Itm I bequeth to Seynt Nicholas Gild, named Dusse Gild, holden in the colage iij s. iiij d. Itm I bequeth to the fryers of Babbewell xx d. Also I bequeth to Margete Davy, Elyzabeth London, and Mawte Midilton, eche of them xij d. Also I wole so afꝑ my decesse to haue ij crossys goodly of tymbyr, oñ at my hede the tother at my feete, wyth my armys yꝰ upon, and also a wrytyng to pay the peopyll of ther charite to pay for my soule. Also I wyll that at my thyrtyday the ꝑstꝭ of the colage to haue a dyner among themselffe in the colage, afꝑ the discression of myn executors & supvisor. Also I wyll the same day my neyghbours dwellyng aboute my place haue a dyner in my seyd place. Ferthermore, I will that at my buryng day yꝰ be delte xl s. in brede at my dore, or ellꝭ in some other convenyent place. Also I will the day beforñ my thyrtyday vj s. viij d. to be delte in bedred meñ or womeñ, and ther where it xalbe moste nedefull; and also the day aforñ or the day afꝑ my thyrtyday the prisoners in the jayle to haue as moche mete and drynke as cometh to the valewe of ij s.; and the day of my thyrtyday I will neyther ryngyn nor belman goynge, bute thys to be don in secrete manꝰ vndyr thys forme afore rehersed. Itm I will yat my wyff haue, terme of hyr lyffe, alle my plate, brasse, pewter, hanggyngꝭ, celers, testers, fetherbeddꝭ, traunsoms, coꝰlytes, blankettꝭ, shetꝭ, pelous, and all other stuff of hussold; and I bequeth to Witm Coote, afꝑ my decesse and hys moders, myñ sluꝰ salt wyth ye cure, and Alys Coote the other wtoute the cure; also Willam Coote to haue my beste pece wyth the cuř, and Alys Coote to haue the ijde pece wtowte the cuř; and Witm Coote the iijde pece, and Alys Coote

the iiijth. Also I will that Will^{a}m Coote haue vj. beste sponys, and Alys Coote vj. sponys next the beste, and vj. other olde sponys. Also I wole that Alys Coote haue my powder boxe of sylu^{9}. Also I will that Will^{a}m Coote haue my beste hanged bede, celer, testor, and curteyns longgyng to the same, the beste fetherbede, the beste cou^{9}lyght, the beste peyer of blankettϱ, the beste peyer shetϱ; and Alys Coote to haue the next hanged bede, celer, and testo^{r}, wyth the ij^{de} fetherbede, blankettϱ, and the ij^{de} peyer shetϱ; and so dep̄te brasse, pewter betwyx them after the discression of myn supvisor. Ferthermore I will that Will^{a}m Coote haue my ij beste sprus chestϱ, and Alys Coote the iij^{de}, wyth the beste cofer in the olde chambyr. Also I will that Will^{a}m Coote haue the hangg̃ϱ in the halle, and also the conter standyng in the plo^{r}; and Alys Coote the beste faldyng table next that. The residue of my goode$\mathfrak{z}$ not bequethed I comete to the discression of myn executors, whom I make Margarete my wyff, yff she fortune to ou^{9}lyve me, and Will^{a}m Coote my sone; and I make Thomas myn supviso^{r}, &c.

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William Baret of Bury, Gent.—1502.

In the name of God Amen. I Will^{a}m Baret of Bury Seynt Edmond gen̄t, w^{t} an hool and good mynde, beyng at Bury forseid, the first day of August, in the yeer of our Lord God M^{l}ccccclij, make my testament and last will in man^{9} and forme folowyng: First I bequethe and comende my sowle to Almyghty God, to his most blessid modir our lady Seynt Mary, and to all the seyntes in heven; and my body to be beryed in Seynt Mary chirche by the grave of John Baret myn vnkell; and I will ou^{9} my grave be leid a graveston of marbull. Iẗm I bequethe to the chirch aforseid, for my tithes and offerynges forgoten and to litill payed, and for the helthe of my sowle, vj s. viij d. Iẗm I will myn exec̃ shall fynde a prest to go to the court of Rome, and there to prey for my sowle,

and the sowle of Geffrey Baret my ffader, as oder prestes do that go to Rome, and whan he comyth hom from Rome, I will the same prest shall kepe and make vp a yeer ȝuyse at Cratfeld, ther to prey for the seid soules after his comyng hom. And I will he haue for his labor as myn exec̃ and he can agree. Iẗm I bequethe to the ffreres of Babbewell for to sey a trentall of Seynt Gregory for my soule x s. Iẗm I bequethe to ye beldyng of the newe stepill in the monastȳ of Seynt Edmond in Bury forseid, x s. Iẗm I bequethe to Anne my wyff all my londs, teñts, medewes, pasture, woodes, ffedynge, rente, and ȝuyses, wt all ther apportenñts, ffree and copy, that I haue wthyn the townes of Cratfeld and Lynsted, in the counte of Suff., to haue and to holde to the seid Anne, her heire, and asseignes for euꝰ. Iẗm I bequethe to the seid Anne my wyff my tenement, wt the apportynances, stondyng in the gret market in Bury forseid, wt the bernes and gardynes therto belongyng whiche ar sette and lyen on the bakside, callid the diches, oũ and ayen the seyd tenement, and ij tenemente stondyng in the seid gret market oũ ayen the seid tenement, to haue and to holde them to the seid Anne, her heire, and assignes, toward the charges of this my testament. Iẗm I bequethe to the seid Anne my wyff all myn hostilmente, vtensiles, and jowelle to me in ony wyse belongyng. The residue of all my londe, teñte, medewes, ffedynge, pasture, rentes, and ȝuyses, ffree and copy, that I haue wthyn the seid town of Bury or in ony oder town wthyn the sheres of Suff. and Norff., and all my goodes and catell mevable and vnmeuable not bequethid, and all my dette, I geve and bequethe them ffrely to the seid Anne my wyff, to take, selle, and resseyve, and to dispose in payng of my dette, ꝑformyng this my testament and last will, and to do for my soule and all my ffrende soules that I am bounde to pray fore as she shall thynke best to the most plesur of God. Iẗm I pray and requyre all my cofeffees that ben enfeoffed of and in ony of my seid londe, teñtes, medewes, ffedynge, pasture, rente, and ȝuyses wt thapportenance, to delyũe all suche estate and possession as they haue therin accordyng to this my will whan so eũ they be therto requyred. And of this my testa-

ment and last will I make myn executrix the seid Anne my wyff. Also I constitute and ordeyne my right reu̅end ffader in God lord Will[a]m Codenh[a]m, abbot of the seid monast̄y, Supviso[r] of this my testament and last will, besechyng hym to be myn especiall good lord to aide and helpe myn executrix that this my testament and last will may be truly executid and fulfillid. Into witnesse herof to these p̄sentes I haue put my seale. These witnessen, John Sampson, Will[a]m Mey, Thom[a]s Brown, and other.

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Anne Barett, of Bury.—1504.

In the name of God Amen. I Anne Barett, of Bury Seynt Edmund, wedowe, w[t] an hole and a good mynde, beyng at Bury aforseid, the xxj[ti] day of August, in the yeer of ou[r] Lord M[l]DiiiJ, yer make my testament and last wyll in this man̄, wyse, and forme folowyng: Inp[i]mis I bequeth my soule to God Almyghty, to ou[r] lady Seynt Mary, and to all the Seynt̄ in hevyn; and my body to be buryed in Seynt Mary churche, by the grave of Will[a]m Baret late my husbond. Iẗm I bequeth to the hyght augh̄ in the churche of ou[r] lady in Bury aforseid, for my tythe3 and offerynḡ forgotyn and not payd, and for the helth of my soule xx s̄. Iẗm I wyll that an honest p̄st and a queerman shall syng for my soule, and for the soule of Will[a]m Barett late myn husbond, and for the soullys of Thom[a]s Lytyll and John Appylby, and for my ffaders and moderys soull̄, and all my good ffrend̄ soullys that I am bownd or indett to p[a]y for, by the space of xx[ti] yeerys, in the churche of ou[r] Lady in Bury aforseid, at the Resurrec̄on augh̄, and takyng for hys stypend as myn executo[r]s and he can agre. Iẗm I bequethe to the ffryers of Babbewell, for to make a glasse wyndowe or twayne, vj li. or more, af̄ the dyscression of myn executo[r]s. Iẗm I bequeth to the newe werk at Seynt Jamys churches ende x li. Iẗm I wyll that myn executo[r]s shall by a messbook suffycyent, w[t] all other thynḡ necessary for a prist to syng messe yn, w[t] curteyns

and aughꝑ clothes necessary, which messebook, chalys, vestment, and othyr stuff I wyll it shall remayn at the Resurrecc̃on aughꝑ aforseid to the woorshyppe of God as longe as yt may endure. Itm I wyll that all my londys and teñts, medows, fedyngꝭ, and pasturs, woodꝭ, renteꝭ, and sꝰuyceꝭ that I haue in Watton, in the counte of Norff., shall remayn to the ꝑformac̃on of the ꝰsteꝭ sꝰuyce duryng the seid xx^ti yeerys. Itm I wyll that myn executo^rs shall immedyatly afꝑ my decesse, asson as thei can purchase as mych lond more as shall makuppe the valo^r of xj marc̃ by yeer w^t the seid londꝭ in Watton, wherof I wyll the seid pryst shall haue hys yeerly stypend duryng the seid terme of xx^ti yeers, as myn executo^rs and he can agre. And the resydue of the seid xj marc̃ by yeer, afꝑ the pryst be ꝰsuyd and the repac̃ons kepyd, I wyll yt be dysposyd to poor ffolkꝭ wher most neede ys duryng the seid xx^ti yeers; and afꝑ the seid xx^ti yeerys, and the ꝰsteꝭ seruyces ended, I wyll the ꝑfyttꝭ of all my seid londys and teñtꝭ in Watton aforseid, and all the londys, teñtꝭ, that my executo^rs shall purchasse afꝑ my dyscesse to make uppe the seid xj marc̃ by yeer, shall remayn forth in the feoffeʒ handꝭ for eu̯, to this entent folowyng, wheroff I wyll the p^isoners beyng in the gayle shall haue iiij marc̃, to be gevyn them in thyngꝭ most necessary for them at iiij tymys in the yeer at ther most neede. And xl s. of the same xj marc̃ be yeer I wyll yt be gevyn amongꝭ poore scolers, to help them to ther exibic̃on and lernyng, tho that be good and honest; and the resydue of the seid xj marc̃ by yeer, afꝑ the charges and the repac̃ons be born, I wyll a part be gevyn to poore maydyns that be honest and good at ther maryage, and a ꝑte to be spent in hy weyys; and thus, afꝑ the seid foorme to be orderyd, eu̯ afꝑ that xx^ti yeer of the ꝰste be ffynysshed. Itm I wyll that all the seid londys and teñts, w^t the premysseʒ in Watton aforseid, as weele all the londꝭ which my executo^rs shall purchace to the yeerly valo^r of xj marc̃, shall eu̯ remayn in xx honest persons beyng of the town of Bury, to be ffeoffes of the ꝰmysses; and asson as xij of them be dede, I wyll the viij beyng alyve shall cause a newe alyenac̃on to be made upp

to the hole numbyr of xx^{ti} ꝑsones as yt ys be forseid, and so to be orderyd for eu^{r} aft̄. And aft̄ the dyscease of myn executo^{rs} I will the seid feoffe^{z} shall chose ij of the seid ffeoffees so to be supvysers and ou̅seers of the p̄misses, and to reseyue the ꝑfytte and to dyspose them as ys beforseid. And the ij ꝑsones that be supvysors to have for their labo^{rs} yche of them yeerly iij s̄. iiij d̄. And I wyll eu^{r}y yeer that thos ij ꝑsones which for the tyme beyng that shall haue the ou^{r}syght of the seid londe and teñte, w^{t} the p̄mysses, shall make ther acompte in Seynt Mary church to the other ꝑte of the feoffees, w^{t} a ꝑte of s̄bstancyall folkys of the seid parych, how they haue dysposyd the seid xj marc̄ be yeer; and thus to be orderyd yeerly forth for eu^{r}. And I wyll, yf yt fortune that the Kyng heraft̄ wyll not suffyr the seid londys and teñte to contynu aft̄ the forme aforseid, I wyll the seyd londe and teñte shalbe sold be myn executo^{rs}, and by them to be dysposyd for my soule, and all my ffrende soulle, jn suche dede of charyte as thei shall thynk most plesur to God and profyte to my soule. Iẗm I wyll that immedyatly aft̄ my dyscease that the p^{i}st shall begynne of the xx^{ti} yeers ſuyce, as ys aforseid, tyll Edmund Goodbody my godson be a p̄st, and than I wyll he shall haue the seid ſuyce, w^{t}out he be otherwyse promotyd, and yf he be ꝑmotyd I wyll another p̄st shall haue the seid ſuyce. And I wyll the seid Edmund Goodbody shall be fownd to scoole w^{t} my goode tyll he be of lawfull age to be prystyd. Iẗm I bequeth to the byldyng of the newe stepyll in the moñ of Seynt Edmund v marc̄. Iẗm I wyll my executo^{rs} shall do keepe a comon *Dyrygye* and a messe of *Requiem* in the moñ of Seynt Edmund. Iẗm I bequeth to Stansted Church an hole vestment and a cope to the valo^{r} of x li. And to Belcham Churche in lyke man^{r}. Iẗm I wyll that myn executo^{rs} shall geve to xx^{ti} maydens that be honest to ther mary-age, tho that haue neede, to yche of them xij pecys of pewtyr, that ys to sey, iiij platers, iiij dysshys, and iiij sawssers, and ych of them a pew^{r} basyn, an ewer therto, or els a quart pott of pew^{r} or of a pottell. Iẗm I bequethe to ych of my godcheldern vj s̄. viij d̄. Iẗm I bequeth to Elyano my ſu^{a}nte v. marc̄, to be payd hyr at

xx^{ti} yeer of age, and yf she be maryed or that tym, I wyll she haue yt at hyr maryage. Item I bequeth to Avyse my ^{s}u^{a}nte x marc̃, a ffether bedd, a traunsom, a payre shetꝭ, a payre blankettꝭ, a coulyght, to be delyuyd hyr at hyr mariage, yf she wyll be gounyd afꝰ myn executo^{r}s, orellꝭ I wyll she shall not haue her bequestꝭ. Item I bequeth to Kateryn my russett gown furryd, and my rede corse gyrdyll harneysyd w^{t} sylu^{r}. Item I bequeth to Kateryn Cook my sangweyn gown furryd, and my corse gyrdyll grene and rede, and my corall bedys, the byggest. Item I bequeth to the same Kateryn Cook my coffyr of syprys. Item I bequeth to Elizabeth Jeage my goddought^{r}r, a payr bedys of corall of thryse sexty, and a brode corse gyrdyll of purpyll colo^{r} harneysyd w^{t} syluyr and gylt. Item I bequeth to Mary Jermyn my goddoughꝰ a brode corse gyrdyll of blewe harnesd w^{t} syluyr and gylt. Item I bequeth to John Cook a baggryng of sylu^{r}, and my countyr stondyng in the new hall. Item I bequeth to John Goodbodys wyff my gyrdyll of blak veluett. Item I bequeth to ou^{r} Lady of Walsyngh^{a}m my corall bedys of thrys fyfty, and my maryeng ryng, w^{t} all thyngys hangyng theron. Item I bequeth to Willm Mannyng vj s̄. viij d̄. and my cobord stondyng in my parlo^{r} be the wey. Item I bequeth to Willm Powle, cappar, a fetherbed and a tabyll callyd a counto^{r}. Item I bequeth to my lord abbott of Bury Saint Edmund my grete bedys of whyght ambyr. Item I bequeth to John Goodbody my counto^{r} stondyng at my other howse. Item I bequeth to Kateryn Goodbody vj s̄. viij d̄. Item I bequeth to Thomas Cook, the sune of John Cook, my tenement and closys that I haue in Hornyngeserth the Mor, to hold to hym and to hys heirꝭ foreuꝰ. Item I wyll that the seid Thom^{a}s Cook shall be fownd w^{t} the ꝑte of my goodys that shall be sparyd and my testament fulfyllyd. Item I wyll all my teñtꝭ, barnys, gardeyns, and closys that I haue w^{t}in the town of Bury Seynt Edmund shall ben sold to the best p^{r}ce thei canne, be my executo^{r}s, for to ꝑform thys my testament and last wyll. Item I wyll that John Plandon shall by my howse that I haue in Garlond Streete for xl li̇. yf he lyke yt, to be payd in

resonabyll yeerys as he can agre w^t^ myn executo^r^s. The resydue of all my goodys and catallys, meveable and vnmeveable, w^t^ all my jowellȩ and dettȩ nor geven nor bequethed, I bequethe and assyngne them vnto myn executo^r^s, to take, sell, receyve, and dyspose, payng of my dettȩ and ꝑformyng thys my wyll and testament, and to do such good dedys as they shall thynk most plesur to God and ꝑfyt to my soule and all my good ffrendys soullys. Itm I wyll myn executo^r^s shall ꝑform my husbond Barettys wyll that ys for to do. Itm I p^a^y and require my cofeoffes that be infeoffed of and in ony of my seid londys and teñtȩ, w^t^ all the ꝑmisses, to delyu^r^ all ther astate and possession that thei haue ther in vnto myn executo^r^s, and to such ꝑsons as thei wyll name, whansoeu thei be required therto, accordyng to thys my wyll. And of this my testament and last wyll I make and ordeyn myn executo^r^s John Cook and John Goodbody. And I bequeth to yche of them for ther labo^r^ xl s. And also I constytute and ordeyn to be supvyso^r^ of this my testament and last wyll the ryght woorshupfull my lord Abbott of Bury, and I geve onto hym for hys labo^r^ xl s. In wytnesse wherof to thes ꝑsentes I haue putto my seale. Thes wytnesses, M. Robt Stylyard, Will^a^m Hunne, Herry Brown, rough mason, Thom^a^s Godfrey, and other. Itm I wyll that Rose Plandon shall haue x marc. Itm I wyll that Mast^r^ Jowell shall haue vj s. viij d.

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John Hedge, of Bury.—1504.

In Dei noïe Amen. I Johan Hedge, of Bury, in the county of Suff. beyng in good and hole mynd, at Bury aforseid, the xxviij day of App^il^ in the yeer of oure Lord God M^l^ciiij, make my wyll and testament as y^t^ apparyth folowyng: Fyrst I beqweth my soule to Almyghty God, to our Lady Seynt Mary, and to all the seyntȩ in hevyn; and my body to be buryed in the church of Seynt Jamys.

And I beqweth to the seid churche for my sepultur vj s. viij d. Item I beqweth to the Curat of the seid church iiij s. iiij d. for a sangred to be payed for in the bedroule for my soule and all my good frendes soull by the space of a yeer complete. Item I beqweth to the awter of the seid church, for my tythes and dewtes neglygently don and forgoten, xl s. Item I beqweth on to Agnes my wyff my ten̄t in Bury in the Shypm̄ket by twyn the ten̄t of Robt Punder on the south part and the ten̄t late Robt Croftes on the north parte, wt the bern and gardyn lyyng att the bak gate in the west part of ye same ten̄t, in the suburbys of the seid borow, as long as she leuyth as a wedow, wtall the hostylmentes and meveabyll goods, except tho yt bene except as yt apperith folowyng, that ys to sey, I beqweth to my iiij chylderñ ych of them a maser bownd wt sylu̅ and gylt, a pece of sylu̅, and vj sponys, a ffethyrbed, a bolster, a pylow of down, a payyer of shetes, a payyr of blankettes, and to ych of them a coulyght. Item I wyll that all my brasse, pewter, latyn, spytts, rakks, cobnys, aundernnys, treuettes, tongs, wt all other iryn werkes moueabyll wtin my howse longyng, to be deptyd betwen my chyldren, by the pownd, by myn executors, and that ych of them haue of lyke value as ny as yt can be deuyded, as I wyll yt myn exec̄ shall mak them a delyu̅y wtin xij dayes off my dyssesse and my wyffes, except yt Agnes my wyff wyll delyu̅ yt hyr own hondes, accordyng vnto the indenture therof mad. Item I will that Agnes my wyff shall haue a key of my bern and gardyn that ys afornamyd, yf she be [un] maryed, ther for to haue herbys yt shalbe nessessary for hyr howse, and half ye ffrutes eu̅y yeer as long as she lyuyth, wtowt ony geynseyyng of ꝑson or ꝑsones. And I will that my ffeoffes shall make hur a lawful astate therof duryng hyr lyff whan yt they be reqred by hur or by ony in hur name, and the evydence to be made to hur at my cost and charge, and delyu̅yd on to hyr or to hur assygnes. And yf my wyff be maryed, then I wyll and beqweth vnto Robt my son my ten̄t, bern, and gardyn befor namyd, to hym and to hys issu lawfully begotyn, and I wyll that he shall entyr and take possessyon by ye space of

iij monthys complet next aft the day of my wyffys maryage, wtowt ony geynseyyng of hur or of ony in hur name, vppon that condycon yt my sonne Robt be of good dyspocyon and do to the plesur of my wyff and myn executors, or elle he for to entyr at assigmente. Also I wyll that my wyff nor non other pson nor psones shall remeue owt of the seid tent non implyments nor nessessarys as yt apperyth vndwretyn at hur deptyng, nor no tyme befor. And yf Robt my sonne dyssesse wtowt yssue lawfully begotyn, then I wyll that Margaret my doughter shall haue yt vnto hur issue lawfully begoten, as ys befor namyd. Also I wyll that my sonne which shall entyr in to the seid tent wt the ptinente, or ony doght of myn, or ony other issue for lak of jssu of my sonnys, I wull that they shall haue all brewyng ledys, growt brasse bruyng vesselt, tonnyng vesselt, the hall tabyll and trystelle in the hall, plurre, and chambure, except falt tabelle; also ij cheyre, on turnyd and the other closse, wt a sete, ij boffett stolys, all bedstede, vj long formys, vj cusshonys, v bankare, tho yt lyth nowe vpon the benchys in the seid place. And yf ther be ony ote, hey, or straw in the place, then I wyll yt he or she that enteryth shall haue half of ych, also half the wood yt leuyth, also vj ladder, long and short, and all the trowys, except tho yt my wyff will haue yt be nessessary for hyr house. Also I will yt my wyff shall haue tonnyng vesselt and bruyng vesselt that ys nessessary for hur howse frely for to geue and sell. Also I wyll that my wyff shall haue of the iryn werkke aboue namyd, and brasse, pewt, and latyn, as much as shall be nessessary for hur house, duryng hur lyff. And I wyll yt of the seid stuff shalbe made a payer byllys indentyd betwen hyr and my chylderyn, that aft hur dyscease the shall receyve ageyn by the byll indentyd the seid stuff, and depte yt egaly among them, as ys be for wretyn. Also I wyll yt my wyff shall haue iij or iiij bedstede, yf she need so many, and yf he or she yt enteryth the place may not forber so many, then I wyll yt he or she shall make or do to be mad iij or iiij at hur own cost for hur howshold. Itm I beqweth on to Margett my dought my tenement late Walt

Croftys, to hur and to hur issu of hur body laufully begotyn, and she for to haue a playn astate aft̄ my dysseasse and my wyffes, and to hur issu of hur body lawfully begotyn, and to non other; and yf Margaret my dought̄ dyssesse wtowte ony yssu lawfully, than I wyll yt Robt my son shall haue yt frely to geue and to sell; and yf ye seid Robt dyssesse befor hys ffad̄ and hys mod̄, or he come on to ye age of xxti yer̄ complete, then I wyll yt ye seid teñt be sold be myn executors, and the mony therof cũmyng be yeer be receyuyd be myn executors, and therwtall I wyll haue a pist or pist̄ to go to scoole at Cambryge, to art and to non other sciens, and so to contynue as long as ye mony therof laste of ye seid teñt; and I wyll yt ye seid piste or pistes shalbe Suffolk men or Norfolk men born, and of non other sheere, the which shall haue ye seid ꝟuyce. Also I wyll in lyke forme yt ye teñt lat Carowys, otherwyse callyd Coke, yt yt shalbe sold to ye best pise, and ye mony therof takyn and receuyd be myn executors or ther assignes to be dysposed onto a pist or pistes as ys befor wretyn. And I wyll yt ye seid pist or pist̄ shall haue for ther labor be yeer viij marke vj s. viij d. of lawfull money of Yyglond weell and truly payd, and he or they for to synge for my soule, my ffathyrs soule, my mothyrs soule, and for all the soull̄ yt my wyff and I be bownd for to pay, and for all crysten soull̄. Also I wyll yt yf my pist or pist̄ be not weeldysposyd and of good conu̇sac̃on, then I wyll yt they shalbe put owt, and other in ther rome, as ys befor wretyn; and yf yt fortune yr I haue a sonne or sonnys yt bene pist̄, and haue no ꝺnfyce, then I wyll yt my sonne or sonnys shall haue the seid ꝟuyce befor ony other pist̄; and I wyll yt he or they shall keep at Cambryge at scoole, as ys befor namyd. Also I beqweth to Agnes my wyff my tenement late Willm Baret̄ gentylman, the which teñt syttyth and lyyth by ye teñt of John Clerk, of Halsted on the northe parte, and ye teñt lat callyd Wat̄ Croft̄ on ye south ꝑty; thys teñt I wyll my wyff shall haue yt as long as she lyuyth, be she wedowe or wyff; and aft̄ hyr dysseasse, I wyll yt Margaret my dought̄ shall haue yt, and to hyr issu in lyke forme; and yf Margaret dyssesse wtowt

issu lawfull, then I wyll y^{t} Rob̄t my sonne shall haue yt frely for to geue and sell afꝫ my dyssesse and my wyffys. And yf yt fortune all my sonnys and doughꝫys dyssesse w^{t}owt issu of ther bodys laufully begoten be for me and my wyff, then I wyll y^{t} my teñtꝛ late Waꝫ Croftꝛ and ye teñt Wiłłm Barettꝛ be solde be myn executo^{r}s, and they to dysposyt and pay yt as yt apperyth her vndyr wretyn and befor. Also I wyll, yf all my chylderñ dysseasse w^{t}owt issu laufully begotyn, then I geue and beqwethe vnto Rob̄t Hedge my brod^{9} my teñt, my gardyn, and the beerne, and to hys issu male of hys body laufully begotyn, and to non other. And I wyll y^{t} my brod^{9} Rob̄t shall haue yt duryng hys lyff frely, and then to hys issu male laufull, so y^{t} that hys issu male pay or do to be payyd lx. łi. on to myn executo^{r}s and assygnes of laufull money of Ynglond, as thus: Whan hys issu male enteryth, he for to pay or do to be payyd and x łi., and ye day xij monyth immedyatly folowyng v łi., and so to to pay or do to be payyd eu^{9}ry yeer next folowyng v łi. tyll ye hole sume full content and payyd. And I wyll y^{t} afꝫ ye dyssesse of my brod^{9} Rob̄t that hys chyld male shall haue yt, and non othyr, and so to go furth as long as ony of ye issu male be on lyve laufully begotyn; allwey myn executo^{r}s to have regard to the paymētꝛ abouenāyd, y^{t} ye dayys be weell and truly kept; and yf so be y^{t} my brother hath payyd parte or all ye sōme afornamyd, lett y^{en} my brother and hys issu male agre betwen them selfs for ther paymentꝛ, allwey remembryng my paymentꝛ that I haue assignyd weell and truly to be kept w^{t}owt any delay. And I wyll y^{t} ye seyd paymentꝛ be payd vnto myn executo^{r}s and assignes, and yf they be dyssessyd, or ye tym of payment cum owt, then I wyll y^{t} yt be payyd vnto the executo^{r}s of them, and so furth from executorꝛ to executorꝛ tyll ye hole s̃m be cōtent and payyd. And I wyll y^{t} ye mony ye which myn executo^{r}s shall receyue of the seyd teñt y^{t} they dyspose yt in almes dedꝛ, rep̱ac̃ons of churchys, amendyng of hy weyes, and other charytabyll dedꝛ. Also I wyll y^{t} yf my brother Rob̄t ys issu male dysseasse w^{t}owt ony issu lawfull, then I wyll y^{t} ye seyd teñt

be sold be myn executoʳs, and they for to dyspose the mony therof cūmyng as ys befornamyd. Also yf yt be so yᵗ I and my wyff be infortune of losse of goodꝭ and fall to pouᵛte, and may not leue honestly, then I reuoke all gyftꝭ and bequestꝭ yᵗ I haue beqwethed my chylderñ befor namyd, and for nowght to be hade to them, nor to non other issuys for euᵛmor, nor to my brother, nor to hys issu male, and I and my wyff, or ouʳ assignes, to sell them at ouʳ own wyll wᵗowt ony geynseyyng of them or of ony in ther namys. Iẗm I beqweth to ych of my godchylderñ iij s̄. iiij d̄. Iẗm I beqweth to ych of my ꝟuᵃntꝭ now dwellyng wᵗ me iij s̄. iiij d̄. Iẗm I beqweth to ych yᵗ be now alyve and hath dwellyd wᵗ me in tymes past xij d̄. Iẗm I beqweth to John Dealt̄, fremason, x s̄. Iẗm I beqweth to ych of my brothers doughters yᵗ be not my godchylderñ xx d̄. Iẗm I beqweth vnto Roƀt Hedge, yᵉ sonne on to my brother John Hedge, xx d̄. yf yt may be born. Iẗm I beqweth to the gyld of yᵉ holy name of Jħu hold in the churche of Seynt Jamys xl s̄. for to helpe to bey wᵗall lond to the sustentac̄on and contynuance of the seid gyld. Iẗm I beqweth on to the gyld of Seynt Buttolph vj s̄. viij d̄. Iẗm I wyll yᵗ yᵉ brotherhod of Candylmess Gylde shall haue ij galownys of wyn yeerly be the space of xij. yeerꝭ cō̄pleet, vpon thys condyc̄on, that my brother Roƀt Hedge may haue the good fauoʳ of the bretherñ of the seid gyld, and to be takyn as on of them in tyme to com in the seid ffraternyte. Iẗm I beqweth on to yᵉ chappell of ouʳ Lady wᵗin yᵉ monᵛ a sute of auter clothys wᵗ curteyns, whyght, payntyd, or steynyd. The resydue of all my goodꝭ not gevyn nor beqwethen I geue and beqweth to Agnes my wyff, to dyspose, and geue, and make hyr testament of, wᵗowt contᵃ̄dyc̄ion of ony of myn executoʳs vndᵛwretyn; the which Agnes my wyff I ordeyn myn executryx, and my ij sonnys John and Wiłłm, clerkꝭ, and Roƀt Hedge, my bṟther, wᵗ my seid wyff coexecutor. I ꝑvyd allwey yᵗ what soeuᵛ daunger or expence fall on to ony of myn executoʳs be reson of ministᵃ̄c̄on of my testament, yᵗ yt be alowyd to my executoʳs be my wyff of my ꝑpyr goodꝭ; and

also M. Thom[a]s supvysor of the seid wyll and testament, and I wyll that he shall haue for hys labor xx s̄. In wytnesse herof I haue putto my seale y[e] day and yeer above wretyn.

Prob. 14 Jun. 1504.

[Lib. Pye, f. 146 [b].]

William Place, priest.—1504.

In the name off God Amen. I, Wiłłm Place, p[i]st, masꝑ of the hospytall of Seynt John Eu[a]ngelyst, w[t]owt the South gate of Bury Seynt Edmund, w[t] an hole and a good mynd, beyng at Bury aforseid, the xxj day of Jullj, in the yeer of ou[r] Lord God M[l]Diiij, be lycence of Dam̃p Rob̃t Myldenhall, P[i]or of the mon̄ of Seynt Edmund, mak my testament and last wyll in forme folowyng: Fyrst I beqwethe my soule to Almighty God, to ou[r] Lady Seynt Mary, and to all hys seyntꝭ; and my body to be buryed in holy sepulture. Īm I be qwethe to the hyght aughꝑ in the church of ou[r] Lady in Bury forseid, in recōpens of my duties to holy churche to lytyll paid, and for the helth of my soule, xij d̄. Īt I wyll that Fryer Wiłłm, y[t] ys an anker in Lynne, haue x s̄. to distrybute amongꝭ hys bredern y[t] be ffryers in the place of Lynne forseid, that thei may p[a]y for my soule and all my good ffrendꝭ soullꝭ. Īt I beqwethe to the same Fryer Wiłłm x s̄. to hys own vse, so y[t] he enꝑ my name into the gyld of the Trynyte in Lenne, that I may haue ther a *Dirige* and messe of *Requiem* don for my soule. Īm I beqwethe to the seid Fryer Wiłłm a blak vestment and a blak clothe steynyd w[t] an ymage of deth. And I wyll the sam cloth be set vpon my hers in the day of my buryyng. Īt I beqwethe to the seid Fryer Wiłłm a red cloth that lyeth on my bed. Īt I beqweth to the monastery of Seynt Edmund forseid my book of the dowtꝭ of Holy Scryptur, to ly and remayn in the cloyster of the seid mon̄ as long as yt wyll ther indure. Īm I beqweth to Sr Raff Stanton, ꝑst, my book of the exposic̄ons of holy Scryptur. Īm I wyll that Dam̃p Wiłłm Car-

sey, Baroner of the seid moñ, shall assyng ij chyldern for to sey *De p'fund'* att my graue for my soule eu⁹y day fro my buryeng day tyll my xxx^ti day be past, and they to haue yche day for ther labo^r j đ. betwyx them. Itm I reuoke and adnull all olde wylles and testamentꝭ be me made afor the date herof, and wyll y^t no ꝑson nor ꝑsones shall tak non adu^antage ner ꝑfyght by reson of them. The resydue of aꝉ my goodꝭ and cataꝉ, meveable and vnmeveable, not beqwethed, and aꝉ my dettꝭ, I assyng and beqwethe them vnto myn executo^rs, to take, sell, resceyve, and dyspose in payng of my dettꝭ, fulfyllyng thys my testament and last wyll, and other good dedꝭ to be don, as they shall thynk best to the plesure of God and most ꝑfyte to my soule and aꝉ my good ffrendꝭ soullys. And I make myn executo^rs the seid Dam̃p Wiꝉm Karsey and Sr Rychard Frost, p̃st; and I beqwethe to yche of myn executo^rs for ther labo^r vj s̃. viij đ. Itm I constytute and ordeyn suꝑvyso^r of y^is my testament and last wyll the Ryght Reu⁹end and myn especyall good lord Wiꝉm Codenh^am, abbott of the seid monastery; and I beqwethe to hym for hys labo^r x s̃. Into wytnesse herof to theȝ p̃senteȝ I haue putto my sceale. Theȝ wytnessen, Sr Rauf Stanton, John Payn, Herry Furmage, and other, the day and yeer abouwretten.

Prob. 12 Oct. 1504.

[Lib. Pye, f. 158 b.]

Maister Herry Rudde, doctor.—1506.

In the name of God Amen. I, Maister Herry Rudde, of Bury Seynt Edmonds, docto^r, the xxiiij day of August, in the yeer of our Lord MDvj, w^t an hooꝉ and ꝑfyte mynde, beyng at Bury forseid, make and ordeign this my p̃sent testament and last will biꝑtite in this man⁹ and form folowyng: Fyrst, I byqueth and comende my soule to God Almyghty, his most blissid mod^r o^r Lady Seynt Marie, and to all the holy company of heven; and my body to be buried in the monasꝉij of Seynt Edmond byfor Seynt Crystofer.

Itm I byqueth toward the makyng of ij blynde wyndowes in the seid monasꝯij and be syde Seynt Cristopher x ꝉi. Itm I byqueth to the chapell of Seynt Nicholas at the Estgate townes ende a vestement of whyte sateyn and poudrid wt Seynt Nicholas armes, to the value of v mark. Itm I byqueth to the monasꝯij of Peterborough l ꝉi. wt this condicion folowyng: that the abbot of the seid monasꝯij, or his successores, paye or do to be payed vnto myn executors vnderwretyn l ꝉi. the whiche is owyng me, be side that I bequethed them. Itm I byqueth to the parissh chirche of Wyntyrton, where as I was born, x marc̃, to bey wt a cope. Itm I byqueth to the chirche of Caster be side Peterborough x marc̃, to bye wt a cope. Itm I byqueth to the chirche of Pycheley x marc̃, to bye wt a cope. Itm I byqueth to the Blak Fryres of Cambregge, toward the peyntyng of ix ordrys of aungelis, xx marc̃. Itm I byqueth toward the makyng of an Ile in Seynt Andrewes chirche in Cambregge x ꝉi. Itm I will that Sr James Cartenell synge for my soule be the space of iij yeere after my discese, where it shall please hym for to synge, and he for to haue for his labor euꝰy year viij marc̃. Itm I will that myn executours geve for my soule at my buriyng day, or ellis on the morow after that, to pore folkes at hom at ther howses, in bred and flessh to the value of x ꝉi. And I will that myn executors shall spende oder x ꝉi. abowte my funerall. Itm I will haue songyn for my soule a Ml messys as shortly as my executors can cause them to be songyn; and euꝰy prest to haue for his labour to sey *Placebo*, *Dirige*, comendac̃on, and messe, iiij đ. Itm I byqueth Willam Rudde my brodyr x ꝉi. Itm I byqueth to John Rudde my nevy v ꝉi. Itm I byqueth to John Wareyn of Castyr, and to his wyff, xl s̃. Itm I byqueth to Thomas Massenger, my ꝯuant, xl s̃., and xxvj s̃. viij đ. for the wages for the yeer folowyng, and an hors. Itm I byqueth to John Waleys, my ꝯuant, xl s̃. and xxvj s̃. viij đ. for his wagys for the yeer folowyng, and an hors. Itm I byqueth to Herry Gannok xx s̃. Itm I byqueth to his wyff xx s̃. Itm I byqueth to Nicholas Styles, ꝯuant wt

maister Berkyng, iij s. iiij d. Itm I will that if myn executors be trowblid, whyrby that this my will may not be fulfillid, than I will that myn executours shall mynysshe as they thynke accordyng to conciens. Itm I anulle and revoke all the villes mad by for this date, outher by mouthe or by wrytyng. The residue of my goode not byquethed I assigne and byquethe vnto the disposicion of myn executours vnderwretyn, to selle, resceyve, and to geve in almes and oder dedys of charite as shalbe thought to them most best for the weell of my soule. And of this my p̄sent testament and last will I make and ordeyn myn executours Maister Doctour Candelyñ of Cambryge, Maister John Belt of the same town, and Dame John Barkyng, pytauncer of the monastij in Bury; and I bequeth to eche of them for there labour v marc̄. In witnesse herof I haue setto my seall. These witnessen, Willam Copynger, Thomas Godard, Herry Gannok, and othyr. Yoven the day and yeer abouewretyn.

Prob. 8 Nov. 1506. [Lib. Pye, f. 180 b.]

John Perfay, draper, of Bury.—1509.

In the name of God Amen. I, John Pfay, of Bury Sent Edmund, draper, wt an hoolle and pfyt mynde, beyng at Bury the forseyd, the xxviijth day of Maij, in ye yeř off or Lord God Mlxix, make and ordeyn thys my p̄sent testamēt and last wyll in thys man̄ and fovrme folwyng: Fyrst I byqwethe and commend my sowle to God Allmyghti, hys blyssyd moth̄ our Lady Seynt Mary, and to all ye holy company of hewyn; and my body to be buryed in Seynt Mary chyrch vnd̄ ye grave stone off marbyll ther by me layd jn ye sowth yle off ye sam chyrch. Alsoo I byquethe to ye hygh awt̄ in ye said chyrch, ffor my tythys forgotyn and offryngys not payd, and for helth of my sowle, xx s. prayng my ordinary to excuse my conscyens for alle necclygencys. Also I byqwethe to eche of the pyshe prystys beyng at my dyryge and masse xij d. Also to eu̇y other pryst beyng at my dyryge and buryyng iiij d. Also to eu̇y clerke beyng at mannys state ij d. Also to eu̇y

chyld j ob̃. Also in lyke wyse prystys, clerkys, and children at my xxx^{ti} day. Also I byquethe to vj poore men holdyng torchys about my herse on my buryyng day and my xxx^{ti} day, to eche off y^{m} a blakke gowne. Also I beqweth toward the makyng off Seynt Jamys chyrche in Bury Seynt Edmund xx marcys. Also I bequethe to ye fryers of Thetford in Bredgegate strete, to synge for my sowle a *Dyrygge* and a messe off *Requiem*, x ß. Also I beqweth to ye ffreres off Thetford, in ye market stede in Thetford, in lykewyse x ß. Also I beqweth to ye nunnys off ye same town in lykewyse x ß. wherof ys payd vj ß. viij d. Also I beqweth to ye hows of munkys in Thetford in lykwyse x ß. Also I byqueth to ye chyrch off Hylborwgh, in Northffolk, in lykwyse x ß. And I wylle y^{t} ye pryst that shall say the *Dyrygge* and messe hawe ffor his labour iiij d. and hys clerk ij d. Also I byqueth to ye chyrch off Seynt Ebold, in Newmarkyt, in lykwyse x ß. Also I bequeth to ye chyrch off All Seyntys in ye same town in lykwyse x ß. Also I beqweth to my lord ye abbot off ye monastery in Bury ffornseyd ffor ye tym beyng, and for to sey *Dyrygge* and a messe of *Requiem* ffor my sowle vj ß. viij d. Also to mas^{r} P^{r} iij ß. iiij d., and to c^{u}y oth^{r} mas^{r} beyng a pryst xij d. and to c^{u}y oth^{r} off y^{em} beyng no pryst viij d. and I to hawe among them a gen^{r}all *Deryge* and a messe off *Requiem*. And I bequeth to a honest ^{r}st seculer [that] wyll go for me to ou^{r} Lady off Park in Lyskard, in Cornewall, to Seynt Mychell movnt, and to Seynt Jamys in Galys ye next yer off grace af^{r} my dyscesse x m^{a}r̃c. Also I bequeth to Kat^{r}yn my wyfe all my ostylmentys, vtensilie3, and joell that to my hows bylonge, to hold to her heyrys and assignes forc^{u}. Also I bequeth to ye sayd Kat^{r}yn my wyffe, my hoole tenemēt that I dwell in, to hawe and to hold to her heyrys and assygnes for c^{u} mor̃, w^{t} this condicōn folwyng, y^{t} she relese all her tytle, claym, and in^{r}esse off a tenement in Feltwell, kallyd Barettys, w^{t} all the londys longyng therto; and also of a tenement, w^{t} thapptenance3, the wich ys set and lyeth in Lytyll Saxh^{a}m, the which I purchasyd off Rob̃t Hall, whansomec^{u} she be requiryd by myn executors.

Also I byqwethe to the seyd Kaꝺyn my wyfe xxx^{ti} ƚi. in mony, and I wyll y^{t} she hawe eu͛y yer̃ a c͛teyn as yt may be born, whan my howsyng and lond which I hawe in Feltwell be sold. Also I byquethe to Wylliam my son x ƚi. in mony, and I wolle y^{t} he be payd be myn executours yerly affꝺ my discesse xl s̃. tyll ye sayd x ƚi. be payd. Also I bequeth to ye sayd Wiƚƚm my son my tenement set in ye Northgate strete y^{t} was somtyme Levesons, except ye tenement whiche I solde to John Wall, mylner, to hold to hym for terme off hys lyfe, and after hys dyscese I wole y^{t} ye sayd tenement be solde by myn executors to ye best avayle y^{t} they kan, and the mony theroff comyng go toward y^{e} ꝑformac͠on off this my last wyll. Also I bequeth to Ysbell my dowꝺ x ƚi. in mony w^{t} this condic͠on ffolwyng, that yff her husbond mak good her joyntvre accordyng to his ꝑmyse to the value off x ƚi. Also I beqwethe to John Femnale, my sonlawe, my tawny gown furryd w^{t} shankys. Also I wyll yt myn executours shall gyve and deale ffor my sowle in my bryeng day to eu͛y man and woman that comyth to ye place assygned by myn executors j đ., to eu͛y chyld oƀ. And in lykwyse at my xxx^{ti} day. Also I pr^{a}y and requyr myn executors to pay and content my dettys trewlye knowyn and proyd. Also I byquethe to Thom^{a}s Tyse x ƚi. in mony. Also I wole y^{t} ij closys, callyd Bashamys and Marchallys, w^{t} iiij^{xx} akres of medowe and lond, the which I purchasyd of Masꝺ Fynch^{a}m of Hockwolde; j^{c} and xx akres of lond and medow which I purchasyd of Thom^{a}s Dey off Lynne and of John Mathew; a tenemēt callyd Edwardys, w^{t} xxviij^{ti} akres of lond and medow the which I purchasyd off Thom^{a}s Dey of Lynne; a tenemēt callyd Barettys, w^{t} thapꝑtenaunceȝ, in Feltwell; a tenement callyd Monys, w^{t} ye londys therto, in the same towne; a tenemēt in Lytyll Saxh^{a}m, late Roƀt Hallys, w^{t} thapꝑten͠nceȝ; a close ye which I purchasyd off Thom^{a}s Ou͛sooth, lying in the same towne; a tenemēt in Bury, the fforseyd sette in the Cyrchegate Strete, the which I purchasyd off ye executours of Wyll͠m Odham, draper; my tenemẽt sett in Northgate Strete, late John Wallys; a tenement sette in Estegate Strete, late

Ione Hodgeson; a bochers stalle the which John Marletoune holdeth; and oth^{r} dyv^{r}se pecys of lond lying in Feltwell the which I purchasyd off dyv^{r}se men, be solde be myn executours to the best avayle y^{t} they can, and ye mony therof to go to y^{e} ꝑformac̃on off this my wyll. Also I wyll y^{t} yff ony off my childern happyn to cũme in pou^{r}te, than I wylle y^{t} myn executours shall̃ hellpe them and relewe them w^{t} a ꝑte off my goodys not bequest after y^{er} discressiō; morou^{r} I wylle that ye mony ye which I hawe befor beqwethid and herafter beqwethyd be payd yerlye to eu^{r}y man and woman a c̃tyn, as yt may be takyn and resseyvyd by myn executours yerly comyng for swych londys, tenementes, medwys, and pasturys, as I have befor bequethid to be solde, and after as pleynly doth apper in this my wyll. Also I wyll y^{t} myn executours, which off them leve lengest, shall yerly lete to fferme my new tenemēt set in ye Northgate Strete and my tayntor yard next my chapell̃, and w^{t} a ꝑte off ye monye cummyng therof I wyll y^{t} thei shall repayr my chapell̃ and ye seyd tenemēt, w^{t} ye almesse howsyn therto longyng, whan soeu^{r} they hawe nede; and ye residwe off the mony that shall clerly remayne I wole y^{t} myn executours shall̃ gyve y^{t} in almes to the seyd poor dwellyng in ye seyd almeshowsyn, and to oth^{r} wher y^{t} shalbe thowght̃ to the moste best for ye weele off my sowle; and aft^{r} ye discesce off myn executours I wole y^{t} ye wardeyns off the gylde off the holy name of Iħu in Seynt Jamys Cyrche for the tyme beynge, and iij or iiij off the ꝑyshe, have the rwle and supvision off them, and to gyve the seyd almeshowsyn to a broth^{r} or a syster̃ off ye seyd gylde whan they cumme to pou^{r}te, and to non other. Also I will that yff Kat^{r}yn my wyff, ony off my children, ony off my kynred, wolde bye and purchase ony off my tenementys or londys that I have assygned in this my wylle to be solde, not assygned, nor bequethyd, that they have y^{e} ꝑferrement befor ony oth^{r} ꝑson, and w^{t} in the p^{i}ce, an he or they to have respyte be the space off x wekys. Also I p^{a}y and requir̃ all̃ my coefeffyes that be infeofyd off and in ony off my seyd tenementys, londys, medvys, pasturys, fedyngys, w^{t} thapꝑtenanc̃es,

that they delyver ther estate and possession that they have therin accordyng to this my last wyll, whansoeu^{r} they be therto requyryd by myn executors. Also I wole that my close which ys holdyn by copy off my lord abbot of Bury Seynt Edmund, and ye which I purchasyd of Thom^{a}s Russell gentylmā, my lord payd the resydwe, I gyve toward ye ryngers charge off the gret belle in Seynt Mary Chirche, callyd corfew belle, and I wylle y^{t} the chirche revis for ye tyme beyng shall take yt vpp by copy to the seyd vse affter my dyscesce. Also I beqweth toward the ffyndyng of Iħs p^{i}st iiij^{xx} m^{a}rc̃, and v. the which Thom^{a}s Tyse shall pay yerlye, that ys to sey, theroff v m^{a}rc̃ at ye fest off Es^{r} next comyng after ye date of this my last wyll, and so yerlye at the fest of Esteř v m^{a}rc̃, tyll the summe off iiij^{xx} marc̃ and v be contēt and payd. Also I beqwethe to the ꝑson off Seynte Mary in Feltwell, for my tythys [forgotten] or to lytyll payd, ij s̄. Also to the ꝑson off Seynt Nicholas, in y^{e} same town, ij s̄. Also I wole that eu^{r}y poor housholder in the seyd town iiij đ. in mony, or ellys j b$_{3}$ off corne. Also I byqueth to eu^{r}y my dowgh^{r}s chylde beyng on lyve aft^{r} my dyscesce xx s̄. when they comme to the age of xviij yeř. Also jn lykewyse my sunnys children beyng onlyve after my discesse xx s̄. when they cvmme to y^{e} age off xviij yeř. Also I wyll that y^{e} hygheway from y^{e} lyme kylle vppe toward the heth ledyng toward Ipswych be made and levelde at my cost and charge w^{t} grawell and stonys, and that to be don by the advyse off my executours, when they have ony mony in stoř, and nō soneř. Also I wyll y^{t} eu^{r}y poor man and woman dwellyng in mȳ almesse howsyn have onys in ij yeř durȳg the space of xx yeř after my discesse a ffrysed rosat gown. Also I wyll that myn executours shall do make a cope off cloth off tysswe, lyke the cope that Adam Newehawe bowght, to the valve off xx ti. and I wole have in the whod theroff the salutac̃on off o^{r} Lady, and so in ye orfwes, and ye cope to remayne jn the chirch off our Lady, as long as yt wole indur. Morou^{r} I wyll y^{t} yff Wyłm mak ony cleyme or in^{r}esse off and in ony off seyd howsys, londys, medowys, pasturys, as ys

above rehersyd mor than in on tenement the which I have above byquethyd hym, or vex or trubull ony off my executours contr^ary to this my laste wyll and testamēt, that then I wole the seyd Wyllm, hys eyrys, nor assignes have non avauntage off this my wyll, noth^r off the x li., nor off ye tenement the which I have befor wylled and bequethed hym, but vtrly be voyd, and ye tenemēt to be solde by my executours immediatlye afr my discesse. Also I anule and revoke all ye wylles by me mad afor this date, owth^r by movth or by wrytyng. And I wyll y^t no prson nor prsons take non avantage off them. The residue off all my goodys and catall, mouable and on movable, not byquethyd, I assigne and byqueth vnto the dispocon off myn executovrs vndirvrytyn, to selle, receyve, and to gyve in almes and oth^r dedis off charite, as shalbe thowght to them most for the weele off my sovle. And off thys my prsent testamēt and laste wyll I make and ordeyn mȳ executours ye forseyd Karyn my wyfe, Thom^as Edon gentylmā, Thom^as Tise my sonlaw, and John Cokat of Bury; and I bequeth to ych off them for ther labor xx s. in mony and a blak govne. Moreu I constitut and ordeyn Joh̄n Alen, on off the barons off the Excheker off o^r Lord the Kyng, of thys my last wyll supvisor; and I bequeth to hym for hys labor̄ xx s. in mony and a blak gowne: into wittnes wherof I have setto my seale. Thes witnesses, Joh̄n Haukyn, John Hempston gro, John Smyth yonger, mercer, and oth^r. Yovyn the day and yer abovesayd.

Prob. 30 Sept. 1509.

[Lib. Pye, f. 214 b.]

John Wastell, of Bury.—1515.

In the name of God Amen. I, John Wastell, of Bury Seynt Edmonds, beyng of good and hool mynde, the iij^de day of May, in the yer of o^r Lord God MDXV, make my testament and last will in man^r and forme folowyng: First I bequeth my soule to Almyghty God, to o^r Lady Seynt Mary, and to all his seynte; and my body

to be beried in holy sepultur. Itm I bequeth to the high auter of or Lady, for my tithes forgoten, or to lytel payed, and for the helthe of my soule, x s. Itm I will that Richard Pynson, of London, prent, and Frensheman, haue, in recompense for rekenynge betwyn hym and me xxxiij s. iiij d. Itm to Nicholas Colyn, Frensheman, in Cambrygge, in lyk man' x s. Itm to Kat'yn Kayns iiij s. in lyk man'. Itm to ffryre Potter iiij d. if he be levyng. Itm to the helpyng of some ornament in the Kynge Colage x s. Itm to Jane my wyfe v markę, and all myñ apparell to my body. Itm to my moder x s. Itm I will ther be disposid a trētell of messes for my soule amonge the pstis in Seynt Mary chirche of Bury forseid x s. Itm to ffryre Eswell iiij d. Itm to the Austyn Fryrez in Cambregge xij d. Itm to the Whyte Fryrez in Cambridge xij d. Itm to or Lady of Grace in the Blak Fryres in Cambridge xij d. Itm I will that in recompense of my vowes mad to certeyn pylgrymage v s. to be goven to pore folkę, and v s. to the peyntyng of an ymage of Seynt Dorothe, whiche my ffader lately hath goven to Seynt Mary chirche. Itm I will all my bokę at Cambredge to be sold to the pformynge of this my last will. Itm to Mr. Stellyard to prey for me iij s. iiij d. Itm I will there be delt to pore peuit by the discrecion of myn executrices x s. Itm to eu'y of my sistres vj s. viij d. The residue of all my goods, movabill and vnmovabill, I geve and bequeth to the disposicion of myn executrices, whom I ordeyn Jane my wyfe and Margarete my moder, they to selle, take, and resseyve, to pforme this my will, and dispose in other dedis of charite as shall seme to them most plesur to God and pfyte of my sowle.

Probat. 25 Maii, 1515.

[Lib. Hood, f. 15 b.]

Agas Herte of Bury.—1522.

In the name of God Amen. The secunde day of the monyth of September, in the yere of owr Lord God M^l^ ccccc xxij, I,

Agas Herte, of Bury Seynt Edmunds, wedow, holl of mynde and good remembraunce, at Bery forseyd, make and ordeyn thys my ꝑsent testament and last will in man᷑ and forme folowyng: Fyrst I bequethe my soule to God Almyghty, to owr Lady Seynt Mary, and to all the holy compeny of heuyn; my body to be buryed in holy sepultur in the chyrche yard of Seynt Jamys, nere by the g[a]ue of John Herte, late my husbond. Itm I bequethe to the hygh aughꝑ in the chyrche of Seynt Jamys in Bury forseyd, for ony tithis or offryngꝭ forgotyn and to lytyll payd, and for the helth of my sowle, xx d. Itm I will haue a trentall of Seynt Gregory don at Babbewell for my sowle and my husbonde sowle; and I assign therefore x s. Itm I bequethe to the chyrche of Pakenh[a]m a pelow of blew sylke. Itm I bequethe to Richard Jaxson, my son, a ffetherbed, ij trawnsoms, a matras, ij pelowes, iiij payer of schetꝭ, a payer of blankettꝭ, and a cou᷑yng of arasse, and a secunde cou᷑lyght, a selo[r] and a testo[r] steynyd w[t] fflowers, and iij curteyns, and the steynyd clothes hangyng abowte the ꝑlo[r] be hynde the halle chemny, iij bras pottꝭ, oon the grettest, and ij next the secunde, ij ketyllys, a braspanne, the ij[de], a chafur of laten w[t] thre fette, a frying panne, a spete, a gredern, a tawny jaket lyned w[t] yelow, a payer of handerns, iiij platers, iiij dyssys, and iiij sawcers of pewꝑ, iij poregers of pewter, a chafyng dysshe of laten w[t] a fote, ij belle canstykꝭ and a lesser canstyke, a Seynt Joh̄is hede of alabasꝑ w[t] Seynt Peꝑ and Seynt Thom[a]s and the fygur of Cryst, w[t] a choche of red sarsnet and grene ffrengyd, and a thre pynt pott of pewter w[t] bonds, a peynt pott of pewter of the olde ffasshon, and a hallyng of steynyd clothe w[t] rynnȳg vynys and leves w[t] bestꝭ and birdꝭ, a new coberd, a tabyll of waynskott w[t] to joynyd trestellꝭ, ij joynyd stolys of the best, a gret joynyd cheyre at the deyse in the halle, a peynt pott for ale of pewter w[t] bondꝭ, a pleyn latyn basyn, a grett pewter basen and a latyn lavo[r], the grettest close cheyre, ij fote stoles, joynyd, ij tabyll clothes, vj napkyns, iiij pleyne and to of diap, a salte saler of pewter, a lytyll

pewter basen and a pleyn towell, ij pelow beres, a grett cheste in the shoppe, iij kusshons, ij w^{t} hartꝛ and õn of other worke, wyche parcettꝛ to be delyued the seyd Rychard at the age of xxj yerys; and yf it fortune the seyd Rychard to discease before the seyd age, that than the parcettꝛ to the seyd Rychard bequestyd to be sold be myn executo^{r}s, and the mony thereof cūmyng to be dysposyd for my sowle and hys. Itm I bequethe to Jone Jaxson my dowghꝫ a fetherbed, a matras, a bolster, ij pelowes, iiij payer of schetꝛ, a payer of blankettꝛ, a couꝫlyght w^{t} fflowre delyce, a selo^{r} and a testo^{r} steynyd w^{t} Seynt Kateryn at the hed and the crusifix on the selo^{r}, ij tabell clothes, vj napkyns, iiij pleyn and ij of di^{a}ꝑ, and a pleyn towell, a rownde tabyll of waynskott w^{t} lok and key, the secunde joynyd cheyer, ij joynyd stolys, a secunde couꝫlyght, ij pelowberis, the steynyd clothes abowte the chamber where I ly, and a golde corse w^{t} belettꝛ harnes lesse, iiij paters, iiij dysshys, iiij sawsers, and iij poregers of pewter, a chofyng dysshe of laton, a powsyd basyn w^{t} a rose, a ewer of latyn, a pewter basen w^{t} bolyonns, ij bell canstykꝛ, a lesser canstyk, a wyne pott, a ale pott of a peynt, a pece of pewter, a q^{a}rte pewter pott, ij brasse pottꝛ, a grett brasse panne, ij ketellꝛ, a more and a lesser, a frying panne, a payer of awndernes, a spete, a gredern, a chafur of laten w^{t} iij fete, a chofo^{r} of brasse w^{t} a stele, a salte saler of pewter, a grett chest corvyn on the oute syde, a banker, iij kusshons, oon of the harte and to of other worke. Itm I bequethe to the chyrche of Seynt Jamys a basen and a ewer of pewter hamerd, to be vsyd at crystnyng of chyldern in the seyd chyrch as long as it will indure. Itm I bequethe to Fraunces Wrethe a ffetherbed, a bolster, a payer of blankettꝛ, my best carpet, a new couꝫlyght w^{t} fflowers, ij payer of schetꝛ, ij pelows w^{t} the berys, ij bell canstykꝛ, a potell pewter pott ledles w^{t} ij erꝛ, a charg̃ of pewter, a q^{a}rte wyne pott of the olde fasshon, a lytyll Seynt John's hed of alabaster w^{t} a scriptur, *Caput S'c'i Joh'is Baptiste*, w^{t} a clothe of golde w^{t} romayn letters of blacke weluet, a brasse pott, a brasse panne, a ketyll, a ffry-

ing panne, a gredern, iij kusshons wt hartꝛ, a banker, a tabyll clothe of diaꝑ, iij platers, iij dysshys, and iij sawsers of pewter, and vj napkyns, iiij pleyn and to of diaꝑ; wyche ꝑcellꝛ to be delyu̍ed on to the seyd Fraunces whan he cõmyth to the age of xxj yerꝛ; and yf it fortune the seyd Fraunces to dyscease before the seyd age, that than I will the seyd ꝑcell to hym bequestyd to be sold be myn executors and the mony therof cõmyng to be don for my sowle and hys. Itm I bequethe iij fyne elle kerchers to be vsyd for corporas clothes in the chyrche of Seynt Jamys aforseyd, oon at the hyght aughꝛ, another at Jhus aughꝛ, and the iijde at owr Ladys aughꝛ, there to remayn as long as they will indure. Itm I bequethe to Annes Cage, the wyf of Harry Cage, a ffetherbed, a bolster, a payer of schetꝛ and a couꝛlyght, a brode cheste of wayneskott. Itm I bequethe to John Bullok, my brother in law, a fetherbed, a bolster, ij pelowes, a couꝛlyght, and a payer of schetꝛ. Itm I will that John Launde, clark, or sūme other onest prest at hys assignment, shall syng and prey for my sowle, the sowle of John Hart my late husbond, the sowles of my father and mother, the sowles of Roberd Wrethe and Alys hys wyf, owr frendꝛ and benefactors sowles, in the seyd chyrche of Seynt Jamys, be the space and ꝑme of a yere and a qarter, wtin a conuenient tyme after my dyscease to be gynne, takyng for hys stypend by yere viij marc̃ vj s̄. viij d̄. and for the qarꝛ aftyr the rate. Itm I bequeth to the hyght auꝛ in Seynt Jamys chyrche, a auꝛ clothe of diaꝑ and a towelly. Itm I bequethe to the aughꝛ of owr Lady in Seynt Mary chyrche a aughꝛ clothe of diaꝑ. Itm I bequethe to the aughꝛ of Seynt John in the seyd chyrch of Seynt Jamys an aughꝛ clothe of diaꝑ. Itm I bequethe to Fryers of Babbewell an aughꝛ clothe of diaꝑ. The residue of all my goodꝛ and catellꝛ, moveable and vnmoueabill, aboue not bequethed nor assigned, wt all my dettꝛ to me dew, I assign to myn executors to pay dettꝛ, ꝑforme my husbondꝛ will and myn, and bryng my body honestly to the erthe. And of thys my testament and last will I make myn executors John Bullok of Thurston and Thomas

Stacy of Bury thelder, surgeon; and I bequeth to eche of them for ther labor vj s. viij d. Also I constitute supviser hereof Johñ Lawnde, clarke; and I bequeth to hym for hys labor x s. These witnessen, Richard Tassell drap, Rog Barbur merc, John Lacy scribe, and other, the day and yere aboue seyd.

Probat. 20 Oct. 1522.

[Lib. Hood, f. 97.]

John Cole, of Thelnetham.—8 May, 1527.

. . . . Itm I will have a newe crosse made accordinge to Trappett Crosse at the Hawelanesende and sett vpp at Short Groves ende, where the gospell ys sayde vpon Ascension Even, for ye wch I assigne x s. Itm I will and assigne wth the yearlie ffearme of iij acres londe lyenge in Hopton fylde and Thelnetham in iij peec, that ys to saye, v rood lyenge in ye furlonge cleped Langsake, half an acre lyenge neare therbie, and v rood lyenge and abbuttinge vpon Ratonslane, to fynde yearelie a busshell and halffe of malte to be browne and a busshell of whete to be baked to fynde a drinkinge vpon Ascention Even everlastinge for ye prisshe of Thelnetham to drinke at the crosse aforenamed; and yf the sayde drinkinge expende not the fearme of ye sayde iij acres londe euerie yeare yearelie, then I will that the ouplus of the sayde yearelie fearme be delte emongeste the poore people of Thelnetham where moste neade ys. Neverthelesse I will in annye wysse yt whosoeu hereafter shall holde and occupie my tenemẽte and lond in Thelnetham aforesayd that theye shall [have] the saide iij peec of londe and occupie thẽ, and neuer to be solde from the saide tenemẽte, but alonlie wth the yearelie fearme of the same to fynde everie yeare the sayde drinkinge at the crosse as yt ys above rehersed.

Probat. ap. Ixworthe, 5 Dec. 1527.

[Lib. Brydone, f. 269 b.]

Inuentoriū Margarete Baxster de Hunden, vt patet.

In ꝑmis, a materas		xx d.
It a pair of blanketts and a bolster . . .		xvj d.
It a couꝰlett, the best, wᵗʰ other ij . . .	iiij s.	
It a pair of olde blanketts		viij d.
It a flaxan shet, ij canvas shetꝭ, and ij pelowberꝭ	ij s.	
It ij towellꝭ		vj d.
It a shepe cower and ij olde cowers . . .	ij s.	viij d.
It ij potts bequethed and delyuꝰid		
It iiij ketellꝭ, on bequethed and deliuꝰid		
The iij other	ij s.	
It vj pewt̄ dischys and sawcers . . .		xx d.
It a knedyng trowe and iij bordꝭ . . .		xiij d.
It ij tabills and spytte	ij s.	vj d.
It a qwern	iij s.	iiij d.
It ij olde hangyngs	ij s.	
It a gredyern, and a andern, a payr of poott hangȳgs, and a frynge pan		viij d.
It a panne	viij s.	
Smᵃ xxxiiij s. x d.		
It receuyd of the vycary of Hūden xvj ti.		
Smᵃ toˡˢ xvij ti. xiiij s. j d.		
Deduct inde in ꝑmis to the vycary for tythes vt patet p volūtatē		xx d.
It to the seyd vicary		x d.
It to Mᵃgret Grewte for a legacy . . .		v mᶜᵏs
It to Maryon Whele for a legacy . . .	xx s.	
It to yᵉ repac̄ón of the way	vj s.	viij d.
It for a trentall, a legacy	x s.	
It to Mr. Walpooll for cowncell and his laboʳ at ij tymys	iij s.	iv d.
It to the pson of Bernston for tithes . . .	x s.	
It Ric̄ Parkers	vj s.	viij d.

It̃ to Will Hach		xx đ.
It̃ to ffrot of Hartest	xxvj s̃.	viij đ.
It̃ at the beryall	xx s̃.	
It̃ at ye moũth mynd	xx s̃.	
It̃ the ꝑbat of the will	viij s̃.	
It̃ in expẽs' at the sam tyme, w^t^ other ij tymys comyng o^r^ the will cowd be proved . .	iiij s̃.	
It̃ in expencꝭ at Hau⁹yll Corte . . .	ij s̃.	iiij đ.
It̃ in expencꝭ at Clare Corte		xx đ.
It̃ at Kertlyng̃ Corte	ij s̃.	vij đ.
It̃ to M^r^. Walpell at the said cort . . .		xx đ.
It̃ to Sr. Th. Gernett ꝑson of Bernstõn, fo^r^ cowncell and his costs to Bery ij tymys . .	vj s̃.	viij đ.
It̃ iiij jorneys to Hũden made be M^r^. Walpole .	vj s̃.	viij đ.
It̃ for his costꝭ expens̃ and myn . . .	iij s̃.	iiij đ.
It̃ for malt and other thyngs		xx đ.
It̃ for costꝭ and expens̃ for Mr. Walpoll and the ꝑson off Bernston ij tymys . . .	vj s̃.	viij đ.
It̃ fo^r^ ther labo^r^ and payn w^t^ wrythyng̃ . .	xiij s̃.	iiij đ.
It̃ for costꝭ and expens̃ at Thirlow and the wrythyng off the invẽtory the first tym .	iij s̃.	
It̃ for a jorney to Mr. Drury and to Bery w^t^ Mr. Walpoll and w^t^ Wheler	iij s̃.	iiij đ.
It̃ spent at Hũden		viij đ.
It̃ fo^r^ labo^r^, costꝭ, and expencꝭ hade often tymys be the seid executor w^t^ losyng of his daies werkes	xxij s̃.	viij đ.
It̃ to Mr. Walpoll and Roƀt Huntꝭ, legacy, vt patet	vj s̃.	viij đ.
It̃ to Mr. Miles, for the aq^it^ᵃ̃s at thys cownt makyng in Fornh^a^m and fo^r^ ye fyne of ye testamẽt	v s̃.	viij đ.
It̃ to Mr. Doctor Gardyner fo^r^ hꝭ consell in thys court		xvj đ.

It̃ the same daie fo^r cõsell . . . . xx đ.
Reddit. &c. 14 Oct. 1521.

[Lib. Newton, f. 35.]

Inventoriū Bonoꝝ Ric̃i Pytchye de Kertlyng.

In p^imis viij^xx schepe, legat̃

Legat̄	It̃ x milch kene . . .	v ł̄i.		
Legat̄	It̃ ij cartes		xxvj s̃.	viij đ.
Legat̄	It̃ xij hods			xij m^ꝫks
Legat̄	It̃ vj boloks . . .		lij s̃.	
	It̃ rec^d in money of Thom^as Pytchys	iiij ł̄i.		
	It̃ of M⁹ten	iiij ł̄i.		
Legat̄	It̃ of a bocher . . .	xj ł̄i.		
	It̃ of Willm Wat̃ . .		xxxj s̃.	
	It̃ fo^r iij^xx of shepe aforsaid sold	iiij ł̄i.		
	It̃ vtenselis and implemētę of hushold Sm^a p̃t̃ legat̃ xiij ł̄i. xj s̃.			
	In p̃mis laid out and paide by ye executores . .			
	In p̃mis for ꝑvyng off ye will w^t the costę and expenssę y⁹ vpon hade . . .		xxix s̃.	
	It̃ vpon the beriall . .		v s̃.	viij đ.
	It̃ to ye hye alter of Kertlyng fo^r tithes forgoten . .		vj s̃.	viij đ.
	It̃ paide for a cowe to John Pychys		xiij s̃.	iiij đ.
	It̃ paid at ye xxx^ti daie .		xliij s̃.	iiij đ.
	It̃ paid to ye orders of freerę		xv s̃.	
	It̃ paid to pore folke . .		iij s̃.	iiij đ.
	It̃ to Hawnson for am̃cymēt		xiij s̃.	iij đ.

	It̃ paide to ye wiff of Ric̃ Pitches, to fynde and kepe ye children . . .		xl s̃.	
	It̄ paid to Leawod fo^r a beme and stagyng in ye chyrche		vij s̃.	
	It̃ for ye expensꝭ . . .			x đ.
	It̃ for ye dome peynted and costs		xxx s̃.	v đ.
	It̃ for goldyng of ye Rodloft .		iij s̃.	
	It̃ for Ric̃ Pichys to ye bellꝭ		v s̃.	
	It̃ for a clothe to ye Rodloft		iij s̃.	
	It̄ ryngꝭ and yrn werke .		ij s̃.	
Legat̃	It̃ delyuꝰed to John Pychys .		xx^ti shepe	
Legat̄	It̃ to Johan Piches . .		xx^ti shepe	
Legat̄	It̄ to Ric̃ Pychys . .		xx^ti shepe	
Legat̄	It̄ to Alic̃ Pichis . . .		xx^ti shepe	
Legat̄	It̄ delyuꝰyd to ye wiff, praisid at v ł̄i. x mylch kene and all the vtensellꝭ and implementꝭ, as the will declarith			
Legat̄	It̃ deliuꝰed to wiff of Ric̃ Piches	xj ł̄i.		
Legat̄	It̄ delyuꝰyd acordyng to ye will ij cartꝭ wt the hors p^iside at	v ł̄i.	vj s̃.	viij đ.
Legat̃	It̄ delyuꝰid to by a cow, p^ice .		x s̃.	
Legat̄	It̄ delyuꝰid the boloks, vj, acordyng aft̃ ye will, p^isid at .		lij s̃.	
	It̄ to iij p^rsts . . .		xx s̃.	
	Sm^a solucõnꝭ p̃t̃ legat̄	xv ł̄i.	vj s̃.	xj đ.
	It̃ it remaneth in ye hands off Thom^as Tailo^r of Lidgat and Robert Piches of Kertlyng xiij ł̄i. vj s̃. viij đ. to be devided be			

evyn porc̃on in legacy to John Pechis and Ric̃ Piches			
It̃ rec̃ bi ye exec̃ of the said Ric̃ Piches in p^r^e numerat̨ xxiij ℔i. xiij s̃. iiij d̃. out of ye wich sm̃ ye exec̃ haith leid owt .			
It̃ p^i^mis paid for stone .		xxiiij s̃.	
It̃ for cariage of the same .		viij s̃.	ij d̃.
It̃ a lode off lyme . .		iij s̃.	
It̃ in expens̨ to ye carter̨			xij d̃.
It̃ ĩ costy̨ and charg̨ goȳg fo^r^ ye stone . . .			xij d̃.
It̃ to ye carpent̨ . .		xxxvj s̃.	viij d̃.
It̃ fo^r^ carieng of tymb̃r .		vj s̃.	ij d̃.
It̃ to Miller for yrn werke .		ij s̃.	ix d̃.
It̃ paide for lede . .	iiij ℔i.	xij s̃.	viij d̃.
It̃ to the plomer . .		xvj s̃.	ij d̃.
It̃ fo^r^ nale and hyng̨ .			vj d̃.
It̃ in expens̨ fo^r^ fettyng home of lede . .			xij d̃.
It̃ for fettyng lede from Bery			xvj d̃.
It̃ for caryyng of sonde and ston		iij s̃.	x d̃.
It̃ to W^m^. Edmũde for makyng the apolye .			vj d̃.
It̃ fo^r^ makng clene of the stepill and pullyng vp̃ of sonde			viij d̃.
It̃ for wode . . .			iiij d̃.
It̃ to the mason fo^r^ makyng of ye stepill . . .		vj s̃.	
It̃ fo^r^ hedes in ye chyrche vnd^r^ ye pendany . .		vij s̃.	iiij d̃.

It̄ for fettyng hom of lede wt other stuff from Berwill			xvj đ.
It̃ for makyng clene of ye gotters, and for savdryng, and for tymbr stagyng and nayle . . .		vj s̃.	viij đ.
It̄ for half a chaldre of lyme and ye caryyng . .		iij s̃.	ij đ. ob̄
It̄ a lode of sonde . .			xij đ.
It̄ to John Howell for another lode of sonde .			xij đ.
It̃ to the mason for werke to ye chirch . . .	iiij ƚi.		xvj đ.
It̄ for glasyng to the chirche		v s̃.	viij đ.
It̄ for a lode of sonde .			xij đ.
It̄ to Robert Waren . .		vj s̃.	viij đ.
It̄ to Thomas Cator . .		vj s̃.	viij đ.
It̄ leide oute to Rob̄t Waren for ye bellꝭ .		xx s̃.	

Sma expensaꝝ sūme p̄dict̄, viz. xxiij ƚi. xiij s̃. iiij đ. xvij ƚi. vj s̃. đ. ob.

It̄ for ye labor and costꝭ and expensꝭ made by the exec̃ in lesyng and lettyng ye days werkꝭ and makyng ther invētory, wt cownsell yrto hade .		xxvj s̃.	viij đ.
In the daie of makyng ye acoūtꝭ in c̄teyn expensꝭ had for regist̄ of ye invētory, wt ther acq̃tunc and other cowncell ther hade . .		iij s̃.	iiij đ.

Reddit. 20 Feb. 1521. [Lib. Newton, f. 135 b.]

Edmund Lee, of Bury, esq.—1535.

In the name of the Father, the Soñe, and the Holy Goste, and o^{r} blyssyd lady Vyrgyñ Mary, and all ye blessyd seyntꝭ of hevyn, be the helpe and socour of my pour soule accordyng to my trew wyll, mynd, and intent, the xj daye of Novēber, in the yer of o^{r} Lord God M^{l}Dxxxv^{ti}, I, Edmūd Lee, of Bury Seȳt Edmūds, esquier, of hole mynde and ꝑfyght remēbrance being, make and ordeyn thys my ꝑsent testament and last will in man^{ꝛ} and forme ffolowyng: Fyrst I bequeth my soule to Allmyghti God my sauyour, my body to be buryed in the moñ of Seynt Edmūdꝭ, by my ffather, my mother, and my wyff, orels wher yt shall plese God to calle me, by the dyscrec̄on of myn executorꝭ. Iẗm I bequethe onto the hygh alter of the churche of o^{r} Lady in Bury aforseyd, for my tythes and offeryngꝭ forgotyn, xxvj ſ. viij ð. Iẗm I bequethe to the hygh alter of the church of Redgrave xiij ſ. iiij ð. to be dysposyd for sū ornament necessary for the seyd aulter. Iẗm I will y^{t} fyve poundꝭ be dysposyd whyth the dyscrec̄on of mȳ executorꝭ for the beuryng of my wretchyd body, vnto ꝑstꝭ, clerkꝭ, and pour peple the daye of my buryeng, w^{t}out pompe, except y^{e} seremony of the s^{ꝛ}uyce accordyng. Iẗm I wyll an honest ꝑst syng for the soullꝭ of me and my wyff, of my ffather and mother, and my brother, and for the soull$\overline{3}$ of Robert Strange, ffather of Sr Thomas Stran$\overline{g}$ knyght, and Anne the wyff of the seyd Robert, for the soull$\overline{3}$ of Henry Pope and Elyzabeth hys fyrst wyff, Elyzabeth Chamber, John Bysshope and Kateryn his wyff, by the space of iij ȝerꝭ, payng yerly to y^{e} seyd ꝑst for hys stypend fyve poundꝭ, vj ſ. viij ð. Iẗm I bequethe ij ſ. to be gyvyn in almes for to p$^{\alpha}$ye for the soull$\overline{3}$ of Joħn Thurston, mercer, and Em̄e hys wyff. Iẗm I gyve and bequethe vnto my cosyn John Drury, of Rowgh$^{\alpha}$m esquier, my best gylte goblet, w^{t} the co$\overline{u}$ as yt ys, the remaynder ther of to be to my godsone, Robert Drury, soñe and eyer of y^{e} seyd Joħn. Iẗm I gyff and bequethe to the company of Iħc colege in Bury,

towardꝭ there stoke for salte ffyshe and lynge, vj s. viij d. Itm I gyve and bequeth vnto George Cotton, my wyffs soñe and eyer, my best ffurryd gown, my best dublet, my chamlet cote, and my best bonet. Itm I gyff and bequeth to my hostꝫ Langhᵐ, late yᵉ wyff of Wyllm Acarꝭ, vj s. viij d. Itm I gyf and bequeth to my valentyn Agnes Illyoñ x s. Itm I gyf and bequeth to Alys Mannyg, the wyff of Thomas Mannyg, iij s. iiij d. and oñ new thrombyed hate. Itm I gyff and bequeth to Thomas Brown my ꝟuāt oñ of my ffurryd gownys, oñ of my dublettꝭ of sylke, my best jaket of cloth, oñ of my horsys, sadyll and brydell and harnes cōplet, wᵗ fyve mʳcꝭ in money, and God send hym good grace and ffortune. Itm I gyf and bequethe to Robert Holdernes my ꝟuant fyve marcꝭ in money, oñ gown, and oñ doblet, orderd by my execꝟ. Itm I gyff and bequethe to Elynor Bolle my ꝟuant xl s. Itm I gyf and bequethe onto Audery Cotton, my wyffs dowghter, my bedd of arres complet, as yt hañgyt, and my ryngꝭ whych wher my wyffys. Farthermore I gyf and bequeth vnto George Cotton aforseyd, and to the seyd Audery Cotton, all my plate and stuff of houshold, to be euynly devydyd be twyn them, exepte suche ꝑsellꝭ as be afore bequethyd and assygnyd. And allso I wyll, gyf, and bequeth vnto the seyd George Cotton my seyd wyffs soñe my messuage, wᵗ all and synguler the apprtenancꝭ, whyche I late prchasyd of Thomas Dorant, as yt ys sett and lying in the town of Bury aforseyd, in the strett callyd the Horse Market and yᵉ Sowthegate Strett, to haue and to hold all the seyd messuage, wᵗ thapprtenancꝭ and cōmoditꝭ therto belongyng, vnto the seyd George Cotton, hys heyerꝭ and assigꝫ foreuer, vpon thys cōdicōn ffolowyng, that ys to sey, that the seyd George or hys eyerꝭ, by a cōuenyent tyme and leyser, shall prchase as muche lond as shalbe to the value of the seyd messuage, wᵗ the apprtenancꝭ, and the astate of the seyd londꝭ soe to be prchasyd to be to the vse of the seyd George Cotton, and to the eyerꝭ of hys body laufully be gotyn, and for defaute of yssue of hys body laufully begotyn, to remayne to the vse of the seyd Andery Cotton, and to the eyers of hyr body

laufully begotyn; and for defaute of issue of hyr body laufully begotyn, to remayn to the ryght heyer℄ of Elyzabeth Blakkett, sũtyme lady of the man℘ of Hylcombe in Wysettershyre for eu℘. Iẽm I gyf and bequeth vnto Edward Brysley my best cote and vj s̃. viij d̃. The resydue of all my good℄ and cattall℄ above not bequethyd nor assignyd I wyll they shalbe at the dyspoc̃on of mȳ execut̄ to dyspose in ded℄ of charite as they shall thynk most nessessary for the helthe of my soule. And of thys my testament and last will I make and ordeyn mȳ execut̄ my cosyn John Drury, of Rowgh^{a}m esquier, and Sr Robert Stelyard ꝑson of Fynnȳgh^{a}m, and Thomas Browne my clarke; gyvyng and bequethyng to eu℘ry oñ of them xl s̃. for ther labor. In wyttnes wherof to thys my ꝑsent testament and last wyll I haue sett to my seale and sȳgne manuell the yer and daye abovyn seyd. These wyttness, Thomas Neche m̃ of the colege in Bury, Wyll̃m Colyer paryshe prest of Seȳt Maryes parysh, Thome Reedd, Edmūd Hogge, et al̃.

Iẽm I gyf and bequethe to Mastres Tyrrell, ye wyff of Jamys Tyrrell esquier, my ij wrethed ryng℄ of gold, whych I ware on my thombe. Iẽ I gyf and bequeth to my nece Thwarton my gold ryng w^{t} a turkes, and a crampe ryng of gold w^{t} all. Iẽm I gyf and bequeth to my nece Harvy my portygewe of gold. Iẽm I gyf and bequeth to Magaret Stalker ye yong℘ xx s̃. to be delyu℘yd to hyr at the daye of hyr maryage. Iẽm I bequethe to Edmũd Hogge my godsoñe my Kendall cote and vj s̃. viij d̃. Iẽ I bequeth to Anthony Watt℄ oñ of my furryd gowñys. Iẽm I gyf and bequeth to John Lee, my nevve, iiij^{li} whyche m̃ Danyell owyth me. Iẽ I gyf and bequethe to Thomas Browñ my clarke al̃ my bok℄, w^{t} my dagard, my velvet bagge, and my ryng wt mȳ own sealle.

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[Lib. Holland, f. 32 b.]

Sir Robert Cooke, Vycar of Hawgley.—1537.

In Dei noĩe Amen. The x daye of July in the yere of our Lorde God Miłłimo ccccc xxxvij, I, Sr Robert Cooke, vycar of Hawgley, in the dyoces of Norwych, being of good mynde and memorye, make my testament and last wyll in maner and forme foloyng: First I bequethe my sowle to Allmyghtye God, to our Lady Sayncte Mary, and to all the holy company of heuyn; and my body to be buryed in the chancell of Hawley aforesayde. Itm I bequethe to the repacon of the churche of Hawley xl s. Itm I gyue to Crystę church of Norwich vj đ. Itm I wyll haue an honest prest to synge for my sowle in the church of Hawley the space of halfe a yere, and he to haue for hys wages iij łi. Itm I geue to the mendynge of the way to Hawley Grene xl s. Itm I gyue to the mendynge of the waye in Newstrete xx s. Itm I gyue to the mendynge of the waye at Cotthell xx s. Itm I gyue to the mendynge of the waye in Wetherden ward vj s. viij đ. Itm I gyue to the mendynge of the waye in Newton ward vj s. viij đ. Itm I gyue to hym that shalbe vycar after me, to pay for my sowle, iij s. iiij đ.; and I geve to the gyldyng of the ij angells on the cādelbeme xxvj s. viij đ. and more yf nede be. Itm I wyll have xiiij pore ffolke to come to chirche to messe every Frydaye the space of a yere to praye for my sowle and all crysten sowles; and every one of them to have for every daye j đ. duerynge the sayde yere. Itm I wyll have a lyte brynnyng yn the chansell before the sacrement at all svyse the space and terme of iij yeres next aftar my dyssese. Itm I wyll that every pst that cōmythe to my buryeng shall have viij đ., and all other ꝑsons, man, woman, and chylde, j đ. a pece. Itm I wyll that those iiij parsons that shall bere me to therthe shall have my shorteste gownes, yt ys to saye, Thomas Harbor the best, and Robt Humfray ye next, and Robt Hawe the thyrde, and Mr. Robt Erle the fort. Itm I geve to Wyłłm Bolor my fosten doblett, and to John Flecher my worst cote, and to blynde Bettę a payer of hosys, and to Robart

Payne a bocram shert, and to yonge Mr. Robt a bocram shert. Itm I wyll that every howsold^{r} yn the towen have iiij d. besyde ther dole. Itm I geve to Emme, wages vj s. viij d. and all my wode. Itm I wyll that Bess Nune, and Annes Bott, and Jone Blowyats have xij d. a pese, and the Barbores ij. dawghters xij d. Itm for a grave ston xx s. Itm I geve on to Crysten Cooke, my mother, xx s. Itm I geve to Sr John my brother xx s. and all my boks, excepte the play boks. Itm I geve to Robart my brother xx s. and my best cote and a payer of bocram shette, and the best huche, and all my play boks, and to Annes hys wyfe x s. and to every one of hys iiij. chylderne xx s. a pese. Itm I geve to John my brother xx s. and my mattres, and a payer of bocram shetts and the hucche yn the halle. Itm to Katheryn hys wyfe vjs. viij d. It I geve to Maryon my syster xx s. and my covlyte, and a payer of shette. Itm I geue to Marget my syster xx s. and to hor hosbonde vj s. viij d., and also to Austen Joker my godson xiij s. iiij d., and to every one of the resydew of Margette chyldern vj s. viij d. a pese. Itm I geve to Crysten Smythe my syster xx s. and my coberde and my fetharbede, and the lyttyll tabyll, and to John Smythe hor husbonde xx s. and to every one of ther iiij chylderne xx s. a pese; and I geve to every one of the resydw of my gode chylderne xij d. a pese. Itm I geve to Alys Wellys myne aunte vj s. viij d. Itm I geve to the ꝑson of Wetherden xx d. It to the vycar of Nowton xx s. Itm to Sr John of Harlyston xx d. It to Sr Rychard of Bacton xx d. It I wyll have a thyrty daye kepte wythe mete and drynk, or elle w^{t} som money, and a yere daye lekwyse. Itm I geve to the abbot and covent of Haylys vj s. viij d. It I geve to the reperacion of the churche of Badwell iij s. iiij d. It I geve to Robart Sexten the money y^{t} he owythe me. Allso I geve to Wyllm Bucke the money that he owythe me, and to hys wyfe and every one of hys chylderne xij d. Itm I geve to Wyllm Ryse the money that he owythe me. It I geve to Sr Nycholas Baker the money that he owythe me. It to John Tyler the money that he owythe me.

It̄ I geve to Sr John Smart my best cappe, and he be vycar aftar me, I woll that the hangynge at ye benche and the banker and the tramely yn the chemney, and the rackꝭ on the soler, remayne styll to hys vse. It̄ I geve to Rob̄t my brother a brase pott and a chayer, and to John my brother my ketyll and a chayer, and to Marget my syster my maser, and to Maryon my syster my iiij peses of pewter, and to Crysten my syster my stell pan and my lyttell huche on the soller, and my tabyll clothe. It̄ I wyll that John Smythe, and hys wyfe, and hys chylderne, shall tak ther money of that he owythe me. It̄ I geve on to John Burght my bowe and my shaftes. It̄ I geve to Rob̄t Chylde xij d. It̄ I geve to Sr Wat^{r} Harrys xx d. It̄ to Ysbell Whethurby xij d. It̄ I geve to Margery Salt^{r} iij s. iiij d. It̄ to every one of hor chyldern xij d. It̄ I wyll have v messys songe of the v wondꝭ of ow^{r} Lorde by and by after my dyssese. It̄ I geve to George Buryght xij d. It̄ to Besse Rysbroke xij d., to Annes Howe xij d. to Marget Dey xij d. It̄ I geve to Thomas Barbor xx d. and to hys wyfe xij d. It̄ to makyng of Ratyllydon xx d. It̄ to John Gyllo, of the same towne, xij d. It̄ to Alys Cooke xij d. It̄ to Alys Hoxton xij d. It̄ to Ysbell Bucke xij d. It̄ I wyll y^{t} myne executo^{r}s shall have all the ꝑfyttꝭ of my benyfyce to ow^{r} Ladys daye the Annoncyacyon. Allso I wyll that myne executo^{r}s dyscharge thys my wyll immedyately aftar my dyssese. The resydewe of my goodꝭ not bequethyd I put them to the dysposycion of myne executo^{r}s, whome I chose Sr John my brother and Rob̄t and John my brotherne. To wyttnes, John Burgh and Wyll̄m Buck.

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[Lib. Poope, fol. 24.]

William Shepard, of Mendelysham.—1537.

In Dei noĩe Amen. The xijth day of December, in the yere of our Lord God M^{l} ccccc^{mo} xxxvij^{mo}, the xxix^{ti} yere of the reigne

of our sou⁹aign lord king Henry the viij, protector of the feyth and the suppreme hed immediatly vnd^r God of thys catholyke Churche of Englond, I, Will^am Shepard, of Mendelysh^am, in the countie of Suff. holl of mynde and good remembrance, make my testament and last wyll as hereaft^r foloyth: Fyrst and before all oy⁹ thyngꝭ, accordyng to the ꝑfecc̃on of my babtȳm, I forsake synne, and, agreyng to the othe that I ꝑmysyd to God and to my prynce, which ys your suppreme hed of thys church of Englond immediatly vnder God, I also forsake the Bysshoppe of Romes vsurpyt pouer wherin he caused me to trust, and commytte me vnto God and to hys marcy, trustyng w^toute any dowte our mystrust that by hys grace and the meretꝭ of Jesu Cryst, and by the verteu of the holy passyon and of hys resurrecc̃on, I haue and shall haue remyssyon of my synnꝭ and resurrecc̃on of body and sowle. (Here I wold not that men shuld say that I dyspyset other holsome sacramentꝭ or good seremonys. But because I am rude and vnlernyd, and know not the scriptur, and therfor loke what Godꝭ Word sayth of theym, that saym do I beleue w^tout any dowte or mystrust.) As touchyng the whelth of my sowle, my grond and beleue ys that their ys but one God, and one Mediator betwene God and mā, which ys Ihesu Cryst, so that I do excepte none in heuyn nor in erth to be my medeator betwene me and God bot only Ihesu Cryst. (Here in thys poynte I wolde not y^t mē shuld thynk that I regard not the prey^r of my Crysten bretheryn, bot that I desyre all good Crysten bretheryn to pray w^t me that Godꝭ wyll myght be done in me and in all men; ffor herin I trust to the ꝑmyse of God, he that beleuyth and ys baptysed shalbe sauyd, and he that beleuyth not shalbe damnyd.) And as towchyng the buryng of my body, I remytt yt ouly to the dyscrec̃on of my executryx. And as towchyng the dystrybuc̃on of my temꝑall goods, my purpos ys, by the grace of God, to be stow them as frutꝭ of fayth, so that I do not suppose that my meryte be by good bestowyng of theym, but my meryte ys by the fayth of Ihesu Cryst only, by which faith suche workꝭ are

good. (Here in thys poynt I wold not that mē shuld thynk that I dysspote good workꝭ, bot becuse we haue ben most chefly deceyuyd by the trust and cõfydence that we had in our workꝭ, makyng theym equall w^t Crystꝭ ꝑcious blod, therfor I wold we shuld cõsyder the true sentens, that a good worke makyth not a gud mā, bot a good mā maketh a good worke, for faith maketh the mā bothe good [and] reghtues, for a ryghteouse mā leuyth by faith. What so euꝰ spryngyth not of faith is synne.) I wyll that Margery my wyff haue my howse and all my landꝭ, bothe free and copie, sett, lying, and beying w^tin the towne of Mendelysh^am afore seid. And yff God send of my body begoton, be yt son or doȝght^r, I wyll the chyld shall haue the seid house and londꝭ at the age of xxj^ti yerys, and she to leue the chyld the seid londꝭ all holl as she had theym of me, with iiij horsꝭ and iiij neet. And if she departe the world before the chyld cume to the age of xxj yeres, then I will that she chose ij honest and just mē to be hir attorney, to the behowe of the chyld, to se the lordꝭ rent payd, and the howse repared, and they contentyd for their paynes takyng; and the ouꝰplus I wyll yt be bestowed yerely amonge my kynred where most nede ys, tyll the chyld be at xxj yeres of age; and if so be the chyld dep̄t the world before hyr, or if she be not w^t chylld by me, I wyll that she chose ij honest men to be hir attorney, and she to make a wyll of a sale of the seid house and londꝭ to hir best auantage, and the one halfe of the money to be dystrybutyd among my kynred wher most nede ys, and the oꝰ halfe to be deuydet in ij partꝭ, the one part to the mendyng of the fowle slowys betwene thys my howse and Reuyttꝭ gate to the rode ward, and the other halfe to hir chyldryn, yf God send hir any by another husband; and if God send nay chyldren, I wyll that y^t p̄t also go to dedꝭ of charyte whith in the towne of Mendelysh^am. Iīm I geve to Thom^as Poole a blake horse, also a ronyd colte, and to his doȝght^r, my godchyld, a rede stere calfe. Iīm to Robart Aues my lad I gyue a rede calfe. Iīm I geue to Jone Whytyng, the doȝght^r of Ryc̃ Whytyng of

Erle Stonh^{a}m, a donne calfe, and also a cote of murre color. Iīm I geue to Thom^{a}s Glou^{o}, the son of Thomas Glou^{o}, a blake dowyd styre boloke. Iīm to Jone Boole a blake heffer. Iīm I gyue to Margery my syst^{r} vj busshell^{e} of whete, and to Jone my syst^{r} vj bushell^{e} whete, and to Will^{a}m Wryght iiij busshell^{e} whete, and to George Laygood iiij busshell^{e} of whete. Iīm I wyll that Margary my wyff haue all my mouables, as corne and catall, w^{t} all oy^{o} thyng^{e}, except that which I haue geuyn to the pore. And I make the seid Margary my wyff myne executrix to fulfyll this my last wyll. These wittenes, Will^{a}m Semā, John Morwhyll, George Leygood, Robart Cachepull, Symō Sewall, and oy^{o}.

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Barbara Mason, Prioress of Marham.—1538.

In the name of God Amen. The iiijth day of September, in the yere of o^{r} Lord God M^{l} DXXXviij. I, Barbara Mason, sumtyme pryorysse of Marh^{a}m, in the county of Norff., beyng in Bury Seynt Edmūds, in hooll mynd and good remembrauns, make this my ^{o}sent testament and last wyll in man^{o} and forme folowyng: Fyrst, I bequeth my soule to Almyghty God, to our Lady Seynt Mary, and to all the holy cōpeny of hevyn; and my body to be buried in holy sepultur wher God be plessed. Iīm I bequeth to the hyght aulter of the paryshe [church] in Haylle, where I dwelle, for my tythes forgotyn, xij d. Iīm I bequeth to my brother Richard Mason a fetherbed next the best, a bolster, a payer of shet^{e}, and a cou^{o}let. Iīm I bequeth to Barbara Barcom, my ^{o}suont and goddowter, my best bedd, a bolster, ij payer of shet^{e}, and a cou^{o}lett. Iīm I bequeth to Nycholas Esthaw my best cou^{o}lett lyned wyth canwas, and my ryng^{e} w^{t} stonys, in my coffer in Haylle. Iīm I bequeth to my syster Isabell Mason ij sylu^{o} sponys and my beste vayle. Iīm I bequeth to Elyn Mason a payer of shet^{e}, a kercher, and a coffer. Iīm I bequeth to Ny-

cholas Esthaw wyff ij new sylu^{r} sponys and all my rayment and jewellȩ y^{t} I haue abowtte me in Bury yf God send for me. Allso I wyll Barbara Barcom, my goddowter and ȝuant, shall haue my wosted kyrtell and clothe kyrtell, and my frokȩ in Haylle. Itm I bequeth to Elyn Mason's chyld, my goddowter, xij d. Allso I wyll y^{t} all my disches and platters be devyded betwyn my syster Mason and her chyld Elyn and Barbara Barcom my ȝuant. Allso I geve to Robd Awoode for his payns iij s. iiij d. Allso I wyll the bed, and the twylt cou^{r}lyt, and the rede coffer that master Schowldh^{a}m hathe, be solde be my executo^{r}s, and the money therof to go to a p^{i}st to prey for me and all my fryndȩ soulys. Allso I wyll haue a marbell stonne to lye oñ my grave, and scripture on ytt. Allso I geve to Barbara Barcom, my ȝuant, a webbe of newe clothe on bleched. Allso I geve to my ostes Esthaw another webbe of clothe bleched. Allso I geve to my brother Richard Mason iij sylu^{r} sponys. Allso I bequeth to Nycholas Esthaw my sylu^{r} pece and iij sylu^{r} sponys w^{t} mayeden hedȩ. Allso I bequeth to Alys Benson a pellow and a towell. Allso to Xp̃ofer Benson my god son xij d. and a pewr dyche. Allso I bequeth to the churche of Haylle a vesment of grene sylke, betyn w^{t} goold, and a dyep towell of vij yardȩ longe. Allso I geve to the seid churche a fyne kercher to make a corporesse clothe, and that lȳth in my lytell coffer whiche is w^{t}in my rede coffer att my beddȩ fette. Allso I geve to my ostes Esthaw a tabyll clothe of dyep and a towell. Allso to Barbara Barcom a cownter poynt and a payer of beds y^{t} be at my beddȩ hed. Allso to Edmūd Mason a pewter dyshe and a plater. Allso I geve to Barbara Barcom a brasse potte y^{t} Jeutt hathe. Allso to Richard Mason a brase pan w^{t} to erys. Allso to Nycholas Esthaw a bason and ewer of pewter. Allso to my syster Mason a chaffyndyche. Allso I will ther be done for my soule and for my frendȩ soulys at my vij day vj s. viij d. and on my xxx^{ti} day x s. and iij s. iiij d. to pore folke to prey for me. The resedew of my goods, moveabyll and vnmoveabyll, w^{t} all my detts to me dew and to be dew, I putt them to the dys-

cʳesson of my executoʳs, whom I constitute, make, and ordeyn Richard Mason my brother and Nycholas Esthaw of Bury aforseid, and they to do for me as they wold be don for. Iẗm I geve to yche of them for their labor x s̃. These wytnesses, John Grene, Willᵃm Broke, and other.

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[Lib. Holland, f. 50 ᵇ.]

Alyce Harvy, of Bury.—1538.

In the name of God Amen. The xxvij daye of November, in the yere of oʳ Lord God Mᴵᴵcccccxxxviij, I, Alyce Harvy, of Bury Saynt Edmund, in the countie of Suff. wydoo, beynge of hole mynd and good remembrance, make thys my testament and laste wyll, in maner and forme folowynge: Fyrste, I bequethe my sowle to allmyghty God my maker and redemer; my body to be buryed in the porche on the sowth syde of Saynt Mary's churche by my husbond Fyrmyn. Iẗm I bequethe to the hyghe aulter of the seyd churche, for my tythes and oblacyons neclygently forgoten, in dyschargyng of my concyence vj s̃. viij d̃. Iẗm I bequethe to the reparacyons of the forseyd churche xiij s̃. iiij d̃. Iẗm I gyve and bequeth to Rychard Gedge j fetherbed, j materes, j payre blankettꝭ, ij pelowys wyth the berꝭ, vj payre shetꝭ wyth the sparver curtanys of dornykꝭ, j grene coverlyght, j greate brasse pott and a great chafer, j posnet wyth a stele, j of the brwynge cowderons, j of the pannys, j skelet panne, vj pewter platers, vj pewter dyshes, vj pewter porryngers, vj sawcers, iij candylstykꝭ of lattyn, on sylver pece wyth the bowche of the letter in the botom, vj sylver sponys, j payre corall bedꝭ thryse fyfty, ij hutches, j brode hutche that standyth in my chamber and the great brode hutche in the parlor, the best table that stondyth in the hall, ij spetꝭ, ij table clothes of playn cloth, ij dyaper napkyns, the copburd in the middꝭ of the hall and the rounde table. Iẗm I bequith to Wyll̃m Fyrmyn, my son, the new pounced pece parcell gylte, vj sylver sponys wyth the

molens heddꝭ, on payre whyte amber bedꝭ of fyfty pr̃ nr̃ sylver and gylte wyth the gawdes, j fetherbed, on matres, ij pelowys wythe the beres, on bolster, vj payre shetꝭ, one payre blankettꝭ, oon coverynge of dornykkꝭ, one greate pott, one caudron wyth a byell, vj pewter platers, vj pewter dyshes, vj sawcers, vj porryngers, iij candylstykkꝭ, one spruce hutche whyche stondyth on my chamber, ij spettꝭ, one dyaper cloth, and a nother of playne clothe, one chafer, one posnet, one copborde next the chamber dore in the halle, ij dyaper napkyns, one tester, one seller steynyd clothe wyth v woundꝭ and iij curtayns thervnto steynyd. Itm I bequeth to Elyzabeth Doon, my dowghter, one sylver salte, vj sylver sponys wyth knoppys on thende, one pounced pece sylver, ij masers wyth bondꝭ sylver and gylte, one payre bedys corall thrise fyfty gawdes sylver and gylte, ij table clothes, one of dyaper another playne, ij napkyns of diaper, ij fetherbeddꝭ, on matres, ij traunsoms, ij pelowys wyth the berꝭ, vj payre shetꝭ, ij payre blankettꝭ, my best coverynge, one greate brasse potte, one lytle pot of whyte brasse, the best chafer wyth the byell, my best harnysid gyrdyll of golde callyd a dymysent, one spruce hutche, whyche stondyth in my perlor, one brasen morter wyth the pestell. Itm I gyve and bequethe to Elyzabeth Doon the yonger, one harnest gyrdyll wyth a longe pendaunt of sylver, and ij sylver sponys. Itm I bequeth to Kateryn Doon one harnest gyrdyll callyd a dymysent blacke sylke and ij sylver sponys. Itm I wyll that myn executors shall have, take, and reseyve all my dettꝭ to me dewe or to be dewe, to the performance of this my present testament and laste wyll and dyschargyng all my dettꝭ whyche I do now owe. Itm I wyll that yche of my chyldren, that is to sey, Rychard Gedge, Wyllm Fyrmyn, and Jefferey Doon, shall have x markꝭ of the money that shall cōme of my houses whan the shalbe sold, yf it may be borne. Itm I wyll that the copye close wythowte the sowth gate shall go wyth the howse or mesuage stondyng in the Sowthgate Strete, next Youxford Lane, in Bury for ever. Itm I gyve and bequeth to s̃ Wyllm Norman, prest, to

pray for my sowle, my frendꝭ sowles, and all crysten sowles, viij markꝭ sterlynge, to be payd to hym by myn executors of the fyrste payments that shall cōme of the sale of ony of my seyd mesuagꝭ or tenementꝭ to be sold. The resydue of all my goodꝭ, implementꝭ, juellꝭ, and stuffe of houshold, I wyll they be equally devyded amongꝭ my iij sayd chyldren, that is to witte, Rychard Gedge, Wyllm Fyrmyn, and Elyzabeth Doon, by even porcyons, at the dysposycyon of myn executors, whom I constytute and orden of thys my present testament and last wyll Jefferey Doon my son-in-lawe and s̄ John Webster clerke, and I gyve to iche of them for theyre labor xx s̄. over and besyde the ordynare expensꝭ and chargꝭ. In wytnes whereof I the seyd Alyce to thys my present testament and laste will have putte my seall the day and yere aboveseyd. Theis wytnessen, Mathew Langh"m, Rychard Cok, George Sklleys, Reygnold Toller, and John Tylney, scrybe.

Prob. 18 Dec. 1540.

[Lib. Holland, f. 61.]

Anne Buckenham, of Bury.—1539.

In the name of God Amen. The xxth daye of the monethe of Maye, in the yeare of oure Lorde God 1539, I, Anne Buckenh^{a}m, of Burie Sainte Edmunde, doughter of Hughe Buckenh^{a}m esquire, beinge at Burie wth good and hole mynde, make and ordayne this my p̄sente testamēte and last will in manner and forme folowing: Firste, I comende and bequeathe my sowle to Almightie God, to oure Ladye Sainte Marie, and to all the Saints in heven, and my bodie to be buried. Iīm I gyve and bequeathe to the highe aulter of oure Ladye, for my tythes and offeringgs to lytle payde and for the helthe of my sowle, iij s̄. iiij d̄. Iīm I gyve and bequeathe to the p̄risshe churche of Lyvermere Magna a chalis to the valewe of xl s̄. yf yt maye be borne of my goods. Iīm I will that at my burienge daye the p̄risshe preste of the churche of oure Ladye shall have at the *Diridge* and masse xx d̄. and that everie other

beinge at *Diridge* and masse at the discretion of myne executors, and everie laye manne that ys lettered beinge at *Dirige* and masse ij d. and everie childe ob., and in lyke manner to be ordered at my xxxth daye as in my buriall daye. Item I will that my executors shall dispose to poore folks in the towne of Burie, everie poore bodye ob., to the summe of xx s. be spēte where theye se moste neede, and to be donne wthin vij dayes next after my deceasse, or afore yf yt maye be convenientlie donne. Item I will that my executors shall dispose in lyke manner at my xxx^{tie} daye, and that to be donne iiij dayes afore my xxx daye, or wthin iiij dayes after. Item I will that my executors shall keape an yearelie obite or anniuersarie the space of v yeares ymediatlie folowinge after my deceasse, and yt to be spente vj s. viij d. Item I gyve and bequeathe to Ihesus ꝑste of the churche of oure Ladye iij s. iiij d. Item I will that myne executors shall ꝑvide a preste to singe for my sowle, the sowles of my father and mother Hughe and Eme, and for all christen sowles, by the space of iij yeares, and he to have for his stypende viij marks by yeare, yf yt maye be borne of my goods. Item I gyve and bequeathe to the chappell of Sainte Nicholas, of whom I holde my howse, a litle chalis. Item I will have v masses donne for my sowle and all my frends sowles ymediatlie after my deceasse *de quinq' vulneribꝫ Xp'i.* Item I will have xxx masses done songe for my sowle at my buriall daye, or as shortlye after as yt maye be done, and in lyke manner at my xxx^{tie} daye. Item I will that my executors gyve to a poore man that will saye everie Fridaye in the yeare the vij psalmes wth the letany j d. by the space of an hole yeare, and to a poore bodie by the space of an whole yeare that wolde saye ye psalter of oure Ladye everie Saterdaye ob. and everie Sundaye by the space of a yeare in breade to iiij poore bodies j d. Item I give and bequeathe to the chappell in the manner of Buckenh^{a}m, in Lyuermere Magna, my table of alablaster wth the imagies of the Trinitie, Sainte Peter, and Saynte Nicholas, there to remayne as long as yt maye endure. Itm I gyve and bequeath to John Bullocke my godsunne vj s.

viij d. Itm to Eden Cowp my goddoughter iij s. iiij d. Itm I will that my executors shall receyve my annuitie wch ys dewe to me, and that to be disposed in pformaunce of this my will and in deeds of charitie for the helthe of my sowle. The resydewe of my goods, moveable and vnmoveable, I putto the dispocicion of myne executors. And of this my p̃sent testamēte and last will I constitute and ordayne my executors Mr. Robert Stilliarde clarke and Sir John Stacie. And I gyve to the sayde Mr. Robarte for his laboure, and to praye for my sowle, v marks, and so much of my goods as shalbe to the valoure of v marks. Itm I gyve to the sayde Sir John for his laboure xxvj s. viij d. Also I do fullye adnull and revoke all other wylles and testamēts made or written by me or my assignes from the begynnynge of the worlde vnto this daye, willinge this onlie to stande in effecte. Wytnes wherof I have setto onlie my seale before these p̃sent, subscribed p me dominū Joħem Barkerum, p me dominū Joħem Osmonde, p me Thomam Lacie, John Cooke, Thomas Clitter. M^d^. that the place of her buriall she revoked vpon the daye of Sainte Andrewe, before these wytnes that folowethe, John Cooke, John Bryghte, Wylliam Larke, Robert Byrde, Thom^a^s Reade.

Proved 6 April, 1546.

John King, of Bury, scolmayster.—1552.

In the name of God Amen. The xij daye of August, in the yere of our Lord God M.ccccclij, and in the syxt yere of the reygn of our Soũayn Lord King Edward the Syxt, I, John King, of Bury Sanct Eđi, in the com. of Suff. scolmayster, being in hole and pfyght mynde, do make and ordeyne this my p̃sent testament and last wyll in maner and forme folowing: Ffirst, I bequethe my sowle to Almyghtye God, my maker, redemer, and sauyour, and my body to holy sepulture, and my goodes to be dysposed and vsed in forme and maner folowinge: In primis I geue vnto my mother Margaret Tomlynson, the wyfe of Rychard Tomlynson,

dwelling in Trynyte ꝑyshe in Colchyster, xx s. of lefull monye, and one syluer spone. Iĩm I bequethe vnto my brother Roƀt King thelder xx s. and one syluer spone. Iĩm I geue to my brother James Tomlynson, the son of Rychard Tomlynson, xx s. and one sylu^{9} spone. Iĩm I geue vnto Katheryne Bat xx s. and one sylu^{9} spone. Iĩm I geue unto Elyzabethe Chamber xx s. and one syluer spone. Iĩm I geue vnto my brother Roƀt thellder all my lynnen except my too best shirts. Iĩm I geue to my brother Roƀt the yonger, one pyllow. Iĩm vnto my syster Katheryne one pyllowe. Iĩm vnto my syster Elyzabethe one pyllowe. Iĩm to my brother James one pyllowe. Iĩm I geue onto my father in lawe Rycharde Tomlynson a peace of syluer of v s. Iĩm I geue vnto my hostyes Cheston my cobbornes, the fyer pany, and the tonges. Iĩm I geue vnto Thomas Andrues my best fetherbed and my best boulster. Iĩm I geue to mother Butcher one ioyned forme. Iĩm I geue vnto Thomas Larke my best cote, my best dublet, my petycote, my best capp, my best hoses, my best shoes, my best slepers. Iĩm I geue to Roƀt Hall ij ioyning stoles. Iĩm I do geue for implements to remayne vnto the scholle the hangyns in my chamber, one table, one ioyned forme, one sede, Pline de naturali historia, Virgilius cum commento, Oratius cum coñento, Ouidius cū commento. Iĩm I geue to Mr. Sterman, Eusebius eccl̃iæ historia. The resydue of my goodes, of what nature soeuer they be, mouable or vnmouable, I geue vnto Wiłłm Cheston, of Bury Saynt Edmond, tanner, to haue them and hold them, dyscharging this my last will and ꝑforming the same, whome I constytute and make my sole executour of this my last will and testament. Thes being wytnes, John Stermā pryst, Stephane Cheston, Roƀt Hall, Bartylmewe Davyson, and Thomas Larke.

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Gilys Levyt, of Bury.—1552.

In the name of God Amen. This is the laste will and ꝑfyt

testament of me Gilys Levyt, of Bury Saynt Edmund, in the counte of Suff. made and wrytten wth my owne hand, vnder the fere of God, being in good and ꝑfytt remembraunce, the viij^th^ daye of November, in the yere of o^r^ Lord God M.cccccclij, and in the sixte yere of ye raynge of o^r^ most dread Soverayne Lord Edward ye vj^th^., by ye grace of God, of Inglond, Ffraunce, and Ireland King, Defender of the Faithe, and in erth of the Churche of Inglond, and also of Irelond, the sup̄me head, as hereafter follow^th^ and ensuythe: Ffirst I yeld, gyve, and bequethe my sowll to ye All^te^ God ye blyssyd Trynite, trustinge and most faythfully beleving y^t^ by and thoroughe ye meryt̨ of Soveour Christ̨ most blessyd and bitter passyon and bloud shedding y^t^ my sowle after y^is^ p̄sent lyfe shall rest wth Abraha^m^, Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdome of Heaven for ever more. And also I cōmytt my body to be buryed in the churche erthe, and ye ministers of the churche to be synging or saying ye psalme of *Miserere* wth other good psalmes or prayers, even from ye place where I shall leve this my mortall lyfe vnto my sepulture, and the mynisters to be rewardid for ther paynes by my executrix honestly. And farther I will y^t^ Sr John Starmā, or some other, make at my buryall daye a smale collac̄on of the Scriptur̨, desyering all ꝑsones to forgeve me y^t^ I have offendyd, and he to have for his labor ij s̄. Also furthermore I denull, disalow, and sett att nothing, all former wills and testaments wch I have made or cawse to be made sence ye beginning of the worlde vnto this p̄sent daye and owre. And that this p̄sent will shall allwaies be excepted and taken for my ryght, just, and trew wyll and testam̄t for euermore. Furdermore I geve and beq^e^the vnto Elysabethe my wyfe my howse at Rysbygate, callyd ye King's Head or Saynt Edmūds Head, wch I bowght and purchased of mayster John Eyer esquyer, to have and to holde to her and to her heires for ever more. And all my howshold stuffe or moveable goods, saving all those howshold stufe, moveable goods, and implem̄ts, wch ar and be letten wth ye said howse vnto Christofer Foustone by inventory, wch howshold stuffe, goods, and imple-

ments, I geve and bequethe vnto Kateryne Levytt my dowghter, or monye for the same according as ye^i be p^ised w^thin the said inventary, at her wyll and pleasure after her mothers decease. Also I gyve vnto ye said Kateryne Levyt ij fetherbedds, ij bolsters, ij coverlyts, iiij paire of shetts, iiij pillowes, iiij cusshines, one chayer, and sixe newe joynyd stolys, syxe pewter platters of the best, iiij^or pewter disshes, sixe sawcers, iij poddingers, ij bell candelstycks of latten, and too smale candilstycks. Itt to basons of latton, and one ewer, iiij pewter potts, ij quartes, and ij pyntes. Itm iij brasse potts, one great pott, ye other sumwhat smaller, one posnett, too brasse pannys, to kattylls, one skyllet panne, too spytts, too brand irons, one pott hanger, one cownter, one forme. Itm I also geve her sixe siluer sponys, thre tabull clothys, whereof one dyap, sixe napkines, one carpytt, one dryppine panne of iron. Itm I geve also to the said Kateryne nyne pownds viij s. of monye wch I will she shall receyve of, and by the too last obligac̃ons of the sixe wch Christofer Fustone ys bownd to me in for certeyne stuffe wch he bowght and had of me. Also I gyve her my best gowne of pewke, and also after her mother's decease I gyve her my newe cubbord wth ye presse in yt, and too great books, ye Bybyll and the New Testament, wth ye booke of ye Kings Statuts. Itm I geve to Robt Carles one gowne, and to Lawrence Canvys one other, and to mother Harvy, my syster in lawe, the thurde wch I last made. The rest of all my moveable goods vnbeq^ethed w^thin this p̃sent will and testamēt I gyve to Elyzabethe my wyffe, whom I ordeyne and make my sole executrix, and she to receyve my detts and paie my detts and all my legaces and bequethes, according to the trwe [meaning] and effect of this my said will and testament. Furder, I ordeyne, constitute, and make to be overseer and supvisor, to se this my p̃sent will and testament pformid and don in eũy poynt accordyng as is rehersed herein, Mayster John Holte, of Cockfyld, yf yt plese him to take so muche payunes for me, and he to have for his payunes too aungell nobles and all his costs and charges in traveyling for the same. Itm I will that

Elyzabethe my wyffe shall have my tenement duringe her lyfe, wch I bowght of Robert Jacobb, lying in Long Breklond, and after hir decese I geve yt to Kateryne Levyt my dowghter and her heires. And I gyve to the said Kateryne tenne pownds of money, and xij ℔. to make vpp ye full of xx^{li} wthin this wyll resytted, wch I will shall be paid her by my executrix at ye daye of hir mariage. And if ytt fortune ye said Kateryne to dye and depte this worlde before her maryage, y^{en} I will y^{t} ye said tenne pownds be equally devyded betwene my ij brothers sonnes, wch were wth me at Bury, Thom^{as} Levyt and John Levyt, and to my said wyffes children wthin this p̄sent namyd, by equall porc̄ons. I geve also vnto Lawrence Canvas xx ℔. and also to Margaret Carlys xx ℔. and to Steven Skott's wyfe, my wyfes dowghter, xiij ℔. iiij ď. and to my wyvys syster Jone Harvy, and Willm Harvy her sonne, either of them vj ℔. viij ď. Itm I also gyve vnto my kynsman Thom^{as} Levyt and John Levyt beforesaid, to eyther of them xx ℔. and to every godchild I have syxe pence. Teste Willmo Rokitt, Willmo Tassell, Martino Boltone, Willmo Baker, drap, Johñe Butry, Joñe Staŕman, chapleine.

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[Lib. Sunday, f. 56^{b}.]

Agnes Hals, of Bury.—1554.

In the name of God Amen. In the xijth day of December, in the yere of o^{r} Lord God 1554, I, Agnes Hals, of Bury St. Edmond, wedow, beinge of hole mynde and p̄fitt remembrance, at Bury aforeseid, thanked be God, do ordeyne and make this my p̄snt testament and last will, in maner and forme followinge: That is to say, ffirst I bequeath and commend my soule to Almightie God my maker, redemer, and savio^{r}, and trustinge in the blessid and bitter passion of Jesus Christ to be saved; and my body to be buryed in holy sepulture. Itm I bequeth to the repac̄on of St. Mary's Churche in Bury aforseid xx ℔. Itm I will that myne

executors shall distribute and deale to the poore people and for other charge at my buriall day vj^{li}. And in like maner at my thirty day iiij^{li}. Item I geve and bequeath to my sone John Xpofersō my best bed of downe, and a bolster, w^{t} a paier of fustian blākets, oon paire of fyne shetis of iij bredis, and oon paire of fyne shetis of ij bredes and a halfe, and oon paier of two bredes, ij pillowes of downe, and ij fyne pillow beres, and my best coveringe of the Passion, with the celler and tester of skarlet. And a table cloth, and a towell of damaske worke, with xij napkins belongeinge to the same, two other table clothes of diaper, oon fyner then the other, two towells, oon dussen of plaine napkins, and oon garnishe of pewter vessell marked with J. and C. and a charger. I bequeath also my seid sonne my best syluer salt w^{t} the cover, hauinge a borrall in the bottome, and a George on the toppe, and my gilt truncke w^{t} glasses rond about it w^{t} the cover, and thre gilt goblette w^{t} the cover, and my best syluer potte, and the great rynge that was his fathers of gold. I bequeath also my seid sonne and Elizabeth his wief my beades gauded gold, and after the decease of my seid sonne I will that Olyver Xpoferson shall haue the seid gilt salt w^{t} the cover. Item I will that my mesuage or tent w^{t} thapp^{r}tinance in Bury aforeseid, wherin I now dwell, to be sold by myne executo^{r}s, and the money therof cōminge I will shalbe evenly devided emonge the thre children of my seid sonne John Xpofersoun. And further, if it fortune any of the seid thre childrē to dye before they cōme of lawfull age, then I will the lenger lyver of thē to inioye all the hole. And further I bequeath my seid sōne and my daughter his wief vj siluer spones, halfe of the xij Apostles. Item I geve and bequeath my sōne-in-law George Everton, and my daughter Mary his wief, the next best bed of downe, with the bolster, oon paier of fustiā blanketts, oon fyne paier of shetes of thre bredes, oon other fyne paier of ij bredes and a half, and oon other fyne paier of shetes of ij bredes, two pillowes of downe, and two fyne pillow beres. I geve and bequeath my seid sonne also my thre great bolles with the cover ꝑcel gilt, and

halfe a dussen of siluer spones that he haue of myne already, and my little silver salt w^{t} the cover, and halfe a dussen of silver spones of the xij Apostells, and my pomander of gold, oon table cloth, and a towell next to the best of diap, oon other table cloth of diap of a courser sorte, oon dussē of diap napkins and a towell of diap, and halfe a garnishe of pewter vesselt next to the best, and my rynge of the Passion of gold, and my silver pot w^{t}out eares gilt w^{t} the cover. And to my daughter Mary, my ringe with the ēmerod, and my best violet gowne, and a dussen of porringers marked with J and A, and vj great old quisshins. Itm I geve and bequeath to my daughter Anne Knap, to be delivered hir by myne executo^{rs} whēsoeu she shall fortune to be wedow, if she so long lyve, oon fetherbed, and a bolster, oon paire of fyne shetes, and ij other good paier of holland, ij pillowes of downe, and ij fyne pillow beres, my great coveringe of huntinge, oon table clothe, and a towell of diap, and oon dussen of playne napkins. And further, if it fortune the same Anne to dye before the receyte of my legacy and bequest, then I will the same to be equally devided, bestowed, and delyvered, to my seid daughters ij sonnes, that is to saye: Willm Morkelowe, when he cōmith out of his yeres of prentiswood, and to hir younger sonne George Knap when he shall accomplishe thage of xxj yeres or be maried. Itm I bequeath to Willm Morkelowe, son of my daughter Anne, a fetherbed, a bolster, and ij paier of flaxen shetes, a paier of blanketts, and a paier of course shetes, and a coveringe, a table cloth, a towell, and a dussen of playne napkins, and halfe a garnishe of pewter, a brasse potte, ij pañes and a spete, and vj^{li}. xiij s. iiij d. in ready money. Itm I bequeath to my good lady and nece dame Johan Warren, of London, my salt inamyled, for a poore token of remembraūce, to the intent and desyeringe her to be good vnto my children. Itm I bequeath to my nece Mary Gifford, wief vnto Willm Gifford of London, mercer, my ringe with the wepinge eie. Itm I bequeath to my sister Elizabeth Trotter, oon gold ringe w^{t} a saffer, oon flat silver pece w^{t} a collūbyne in the

bottome, ij paier of flaxen shetes, oon table cloth, and a towell of diap, my best cassocke gawded w^t velvet, and my tauny satten kirtell. Item I bequeath to my good lady dame Margaret Blen^d hesset, a goblet w^t the cover pcell gylt, and a folted table w^t iron. Item I bequeath to Mr. John Eyer of Bury, esquier, my best gylt pott w^t ij eares and the cover. Item I bequeth vnto good Mistris Eyer his wief my leyver of siluer pcell gilt. Item to my son Augustyne Steward my ringe with the dead mañes head. Item to my good neighbo^r Thom^as Cage my litle silver pott w^t the cover havinge a marchūnts marke. Item I bequeath to my good neighbo^r his wief my best velvet ptlet and my myll. Item I bequeath to my neighbo^r Mr. Nicholas Paines wief oon charger. Item I bequeath to my godson Ffrancs Lucas oon paier of holland shetes. Item to my god daughter Dorothe Hanh^am a table cloth. Item to my godson Henry Cage, son of Robt Cage, oon good paier of shetes. To my godson Thom^as Allen, oon course paier of shetes. To Elizabeth Sparke, wedow, my euy day kirtell, oon smocke, oon of my night kerchers, and oon of my night railes. To Mary Petergill, my mayde, if she fortune to be w^t me whē it shall please God to call me, oon paier of shetes, two night kerchers, my worky day cassocke, iiij neckerchers and vj s. viij d. in ready money. Item I bequeath to Alice Harmā, my mayde, if she fortune to be wth me when it shall please God to call me, oon matteras, a paier of shetes, a bolster, my old violet gowne, and vj s. viij d. in ready money. Item I bequeath to Ffrance Goldingh^am iij s. iiij d. To Robt Markes iij s. iiij d. To Robt Marche iij s. iiij d. To Water Stanton iij s. iiij d. Granger xij d. Edward Bardwell xij d. To Thomas Blosse iij s. iiij d. Thomas Smythe iij s. iiij d. The residew of my goode, both mouable and vnmouable, not gyven, bequeathed, or assigned, I will shalbe sold by myne executo^rs for the pformaunce of this my seid testament and last will, my debte, charge, funerall e, and legace, herof discharged and paied. The residew of my goods then remayninge I will my executo^rs shall equally devide between them. And I ordeyne and

make my executo^{rs} my seid son John X$\bar{p}$oferson and George Everton, gent. And I ordeyne and make the seid John Eyer, esquier, and my son-in-law Rob̄t Knappe, and my neighbo^{r} Thomas Cage my supviso^{rs} of my seid testament and last will. And I will that all my other willes, gyftes, geven or bequeathed, hertofore made, shalbe voide and of none effect. And also I geve and bequeath to my daughter Anne Badby my little asshen pece of syluer. And also I geve and bequeath my neighbo^{r}, good Mistris Andrewes, my spone with a forke in the end, of silver, for a poore tok̄e of remembraūce. And also to Mother Huntm̄a a new rayle and a lockerom kercher. Witnes to the same, Rob̄t Watt̄n, preist, Thomas Cage, and Edmond Bright.

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[Lib. Sunday, f. 277^{b}.]

John Bocking, cooper, of Mildenhall.—1557.

In the name of God Amen. The xxviij^{ti} daye of October in the yeare of o^{r} Lorde God 1557, I, John Bocking, cooper and Ducheman, dwelling in the paryshe of Myldenhall, in the countie of Suff. and in the dyocess of Norwiche, being in hole mynde and perfect remembrans, do make this my p̄ñte testament and last wyll, in manner and forme folowing: Fyrst I commende my sowle to Almyghtie God, to o^{r} Ladie Saynt Marye, and to all the blessed companye of heauen; my bodye to be buryed in the churchyarde of Myldenhall aforesayd. It̄m I bequethe to the reparac̄ons of Myldenhall churche ij s. vj d. It̄m I gyue to Audrye Walton, my maide, fourtie shillings, to be payd by the hands of my executryx. Item I gyue to Jane my wyfe twentye poundϱ that is owing me in Freselonde, in a towne named Grouye, and yf my sayd wyfe be at this p̄sent wth chylde, I wyll that my chylde shall haue the same twenti pounds, and yf she be not wth childe then I gyue it to hir freelye. Also I wyll that Jane my wyfe resorte vnto Mr. Lawrence, a Duche man, dwelling on the Towre Hill at Lon-

don, and to desyer him to laboure ernestlye to Mr. Berner, who shall bryng hir the sayd twentye pounde out of Freselande, for he do knowe the men that do owe me the sayd monie the same very debte. Also I wyll that Jane my wyfe shalbestowe for me at my buryall daye in deedes of charytie to the pore people twelue shillings. The resydewe of all my goods, of what kynde or sorte so euer they be, eyther of thys syde the seae or beyound the seae, I do gyue them to Jane my wyfe, whome I do make my sole and faythfull executrix, she to paye my debts and to haue my debts, to bryng my bodye honestlye to the grounde, to delyuer my legasyes, and to performe this my p̃nte testament. These being wytnesses, Wyll̃m Godfraye, Thomas Byggman, John Walden, wth other moo.

[Lib. Doo, f. 250.]

Andrew Cranewise, barber, of Bury.—1558.

In the name of God Amen. The xxiij. daie of September, in the yeare of o^r^ Lorde God, 1558, and in the v and vjth yeares of the reigne of o^r^ Souereigne Lorde and Ladie kinge Philippe and Queen Mary, I, Andrewe Cranewise, of Bury St. Edmunde, in the countie of Suff., barbor, being of good minde and p̃fecte remembraunce, thauncked be God, mak this my laste will and testament in maner and forme ffollowinge: Firste, I vtterly revoke and adnull all maner of testaments, willes, legacies, and bequests before this tyme by me willed and declared: and I will that this only my laste will and testament, and the bequests hereafter in the same expressed, only to take effecte. Ite̅m I bequeath my soule to Allmightie God, and my bodie, after my departur ffrome this p̃sent life, to be buried in x̃pen buriall, accordinge to the discreac̃on of my executrix. Ite̅m I giue to the hie aultare of St. James thappostell in Bury aforesaide, for my tythes negligently forgotton xij d. Ite̅m I giue, will, and bequeath to Elizabeth my wife all that my mesuage and teñte in Bury aforesaid wherein I now dwell, and

the yarde nexte adioyninge, wch I purchased of Agnes Dandy, wedowe. Item I bequeath to my saide wife all that my stable and tenement, and the gardine, sytuate, lyeng, and being in Bury aforesaide, in the streate there called Olde Baxtres Streate, to haue and to holde my saide mesuage and tenement wth the yarde, and the saide stable or teñte and gardene withe thapprtñunce, to the saide Elizabeth my wife and her assignes dueringe her naturall life. Item I will that my saide wife shall kepe the saide mesuage and tenements and other the ꝑmisses in sufficient reparacons. Item I giue, will, and bequeath to Elizabeth my wife, her heires and assignes for ever, all that my teñt wth thapprteñince sytuate and being in Bury aforesaide, in the streate there called the Cok Rowe, wch I purchased of John Herst, to thentent that my saide wife, when she shall thinck moste conuenient, shall sell the same and wth the money therof coming paie my debts and legacies. Item I will, giue, and bequeath all that my saide mesuage and tenement wth th'apprteñince wherin I nowe dwell, and the saide yarde, and also my saide stable or teñt and gardine wth th'apprtñince in Olde Baxtres Streate aforesaide, to Willm Smethe, merser, and Robt Jolly, the sonne of my saide wife, there heires and assignes for ever, immediatly after the deathe of the saide Elizabeth my wife. To thentent that the saide Willm and Robt, there heires and assignes, shall sell the saide mesuage and teñtes, stable and gardeine, wth there apprteñince, by thaduise of Thomas Andrewes supuisor of this my last will and testament, yf he shalbe then lyvinge; and yf the saide Thomas Andrews be not then lyvinge, then by there owne aduise only, as they shall best like; and the money therof cominge, immediatly and forethwith vppon the receipt of the saide money, or any ꝑcell therof, bestowe, giue, and delyver the same money and euery ꝑcell therof to my foure children: that is to saie, John Cranewise, Thomas Cranewise, Agnes Cranewise, and Jone Cranewise, yf they at the tyme of the sale of the saide mesuage, teñte, stable, and gardeine, be then lyvinge; and yf any of them shalbe departed before the saide sale, then to those my saide

children that shalbe then lyvinge, by even and equall porcions amongest them to be delyvered. And if it shall happen all my aforenamed iiij children to dpt this ꝑsent lyfe before the sale of the ꝑmisses, then I will that the auncient inhabitors of the ꝑishe of St. James in Bury aforesaide shall distribute by there good discreac̃ons amongest the poore and neadie inhabitaunts of Bury aforesaide so muche woode yearely as shall extende to the sūme of tenne pounds, vntill the holl sūm and sūmes of and for the ꝑmisses, and euery of them, receyved by the saide Wiłłm and Roƀt, or there assignes, be in maner above declared wholly bestowed. Iłm I giue, will, and bequeath to my sonne John Cranewise all that my teñt wth thapp^{r}teñnc̃ in Bury aforesaide, in the streate there called the Mustowe, wherin Roƀt Jollye, the sonne of my saide wife, now teachethe children, to haue and to holde the saide teñt wth thapp^{r}teñnc̃ to the saide John my sonne, his heires and assignes for ever. Iłm I giue and bequeath to the saide John, my sonne, syxe hanginge basons of latton, iij wasshinge basons of latton, iij barbors potts of latten, tenne shavinge clothes, one hone, and my case wth knyves holle. Iłm I giue and bequeath to the saide John my sonne my brasen morter and my leaden morter wth the pestells, the bedde holle complet that he lieth in, iij barbors chaires, a dryeng bason as it standeth, my case wth instrument̃ ꝑteyninge to surgery, wth all my glasses and boxes belonginge to the same. Iłm I giue and bequeath vnto the saide John my sonne a great cofer in his custodie all readie, and a meane cofer standinge at my beddes feet in my chamber, wth locke and key there vnto, also my foulte table in the ꝑloure, ij molver stones wth the runners, one postnet of brasse y^{t} I boile my salve in. (All theise ꝑticuler things to him before bequeathed to be delyvered to him the saide John w^{t}in a quarter of one yeare after my dep̃ture.) Iłm I giue to my sonne Thomas my best featherbedde w^{t} a bolster of feathers belonginge to the same, one of my best pillows, one wasshinge basone of pewter, a platter, a disshe, and a sawcer of pewter of the beste sorte, one candlestick of latten, and my round chaire

table in the ꝑlour. Iẗm I giue to the aforesaide John my sonne one cubborde standing in the buttry, also one disshe, a platter, and a sawcer of pewter, and one postnet to seath meat in. Iẗm I giue to Agnes my daughter one featherbedd, a matteras, and a bowlster, wth all things belonginge thereunto, as yt standeth nowe, wherein the saide Agnes lyeth. Also two disshes, two platters, and one sawcer of pewter, one chafing dishe of latten, one latten candlesticke of the best, one salte saller, one brasse potte, one postnet, one cofer wth locke and key. Iẗm I bequeath to Jone Cranewise my daughter my featherbedde that I nowe lye on, wth a boulster and a matteras, and all things holle as yt stande therto belonginge, wth one pellowe of feathers to the same, ij disshes, ij platters, and a sawcer of pewter, one candlesticke of latten, one porringer of pewter, one brasse pott, one chafor of brasse to seath fishe in, one possenet, and one gyrte bedstede holly as yt standeth, my little cupborde in the ꝑlo^{r}, and my beste chafinge dishe wth the fot; and I will that theise ꝑcells to her bequeathed shalbe delyvered to her the saide Johane after the decease of the aforesaide Elizabeth my wife, and not before. Iẗm I bequeath to Agnes my daughter one cupborde in the hall, one plaine table wth one leafe, to be delyvered to her after my wifes decease; and all other things to her before bequeathed I will they shalbe delyvered to her wthin one yeare after my decease. Iẗm I bequeath to Roƀt Jolly my wifes sonne, vj hanginge basons of latton, ij wasshinge basons of latton, ij barbor's potts of latton, one rounde molvor stonne wth a runnor, ij barbors chaires, and one fyne hone; all wch things I will to be delyvered to the saide Roƀt wthin one moneth after my decease. Iẗm I giue to the saide Roƀt Jolly my beste folte table in the hall and ij great hutches, to be delyvered to him after my wifes decease; and if it shall happen any of my saide children, John, Agnes, or Jone to decease before the receipte of there legacies to them before bequeathed, then I will that the ꝑte so deceased be equally deuided amonge thother of them aforenamed then lyvinge. Iẗm I giue to Jone Cranewise my god-

daughter xl ꝭ. to be paide to her immediatly after my howse be soulde by my executrixe, as is aforenamed. Itm forasmuche as Robt Cranewise, my eldest sonne, hathe dyverse tymes bene benefited by me before this tyme, wch notwithstandinge hath shewed himself vnthanekfull vnto me, contrary to the duetie of a childe, therefore my minde, will, and intente is that my saide sonne Robt shall haue no maner of benefite of the aforesaide money, but only my saide iiij children or the lenger lyver of them, as is afore declared. The residue of all my goodes, moveable and vnmoveable, before not bequeathed nor assigned, of what name or condicon so ever they be of, I give them vnto the aforenamed Elizabeth my wife, to bringe my bodie honestly to the yearthe, whome I ordeine and mak my sole executrix of this my last will and testament, and I desier and ordeine Mr. Thomas Andrews aforesaide to be my supuisor hereof, and for his gentle paines takinge herein wth my wife I give him vj ꝭ. viij d. Witnesse hereof, James Wright gent., John Smithe, Thomas Waterton, and John Skett, wth other.

Prob. vij Dec. 1558.

[Lib. Sunday, f. 334.]

Willam Herde, of Bury, shepherd.—1559.

In the name of God Amen. The vth daie of the moneth of Marche, in the yeare of or Lorde God 1559, I, Willm Herde, of Bury St. Edmund's, sheperde, holle of minde and of good remembraunce, thauneks be to God, do make and ordeine this my ꝑsent testament and last will in mañ and forme followinge: Ffirst I bequeath my soule, &c. and my bodie to be buried in holy sepulture. Itm I giue to Elizabeth my daughter, my best bedd in the hall complet wth all the steyned clothes hanginge about yt. Itm I giue to Rose my daughter a flockbedde standinge in the plor, wth a paire of sheats, a couerlet, a boulster, and the stayned clothes about yt. Itm I giue to Margaret my daughter, my bedd at Westley,

a paire of sheats, one of the best and an other of the other, a couerlet, wth the greatest panne. Iẗm I giue to Rose my daughter my best coat, a lyttle keatle, a fryeng panne, a skomer, a paire of cobyornes, a gredyron, a pewter platter, a sawcer, a salt seller, two candlesticks, a hutche on the soller. Iẗm I giue to Elizabeth my daughter my panne, a skommer, a gredyron, a spitte, a skillet panne, a pewtir platter, two candlesticks, a pewter pott, a sawser, a salteseller, wth a cofer in the ꝑlo^{r}. Iẗm I giue to Margaret a keatle, a pott, a frieng panne, a skommer, a spet, a gredyron, two platters, the best salteseller, a sawser, two candlesticks, a hutche in the hall. Iẗm I will my cowe, my bullocke, xx olde shepe, and x hoggs to be sould by thaduise of my executo^{r}s, to tak my debts to paie my debts, to bringe my bodie honestly to the grounde. The resydue of my money to be equally devided amongest my three children. I will there holle ꝑtes to be delyvered to them at there xviij yeares of age. Iẗm yf it fortune any of my children do departe afore that age, I will these goods be geoven to thother. Of this my last will and testament I make my executo^{r}s Thomas Willes thelder, and John Fellows thelder, in wittness wherof I haue sette my seale the daie and yeare abouewritten, and they to haue for there labo^{r}s xij s̄. Theise being wittnesses, Wiłłm Fox, Water Godderde, and John Parker.

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[Lib. Sunday, p. 351.]

Sir William Paynter, of Bardwell.—1559.

In the name of God Amen. The yere of oure Lord God M^{l}ccccclix^{tie}, the xiij^{ten} daye of Octobre, I, Sir Wiłłm Paynter, parryshe preest of Bardwell, in the countye of Suff. hole of mynde and good memorie, w^{t} all vnderstanding of good and eveł̄, make this my last will. Furst I giue into thandꝭ of my Lorde God my spryte and my sowle, who hathe redemed yt w^{t} hys moost ꝑcious bloode; my bodye to be buryed in the chawnsell where yt shall please God my bodye to be separated ffrom this terrestyall

worlde, and my sayd bodye to be browght to the erthe wythe out pompe or pryde, honestly as a mynister and a pryste owte to be: yf the lawes of the realme do serve and the procedyngꝭ of the heyghe powers wyll suffer by the order of the lawe, to haue the obseruatyons and ryghtes of the catholyke churche. Itm I wyll that all my dettes be trewly contentyd and payed, all thyngꝭ layd apart. Itm I wyll the pouertye to haue meate and drynke suffycyent, and the clarkes and ryngars lykewyse. Itm I gyue and bequeth to the noysome hye wayes where most nede requyre ther to bestowe tenne shyllyngꝭ. The resydewe of my goodes not bequethed I gyue them all to Elynor my seruant, sauyg thes pcells I gyue to my neuye Rychard Warde, my best jacket, and one of my gownes to make hym a cote therof; and I wyll that the sayd Elynor shall take all my dettes and paye my dettes, and put wt hyr a coaiutor superuysor Mr. Vykar of Northelmeham, Sr John Barker. Wyttnesses to thes my handwryghtyngꝭ thes men whose names folowe, Robt Yeruys, John Clarke.

Prob. xxviij Martij, 1560.

[Lib. Paynter, f. 1.]

Thomas Wade, of Bildeston.—1569.

In the name of God Amen. I, Thomas Wade, of Bildeston, in the cownty of Suff. and dyoces of Norwyche, beynge of good and perfyt remembraunce, yet sycke in bodye (thanks be to Allmyghti God) doo ordeyne and make this my last will and testament in maner and fourme followynge: Imprimis I cōmende my sowle into the handes of Allmyghti God my maker and redemor, hopinge to be saued by his grace throughe the merytts of Jesus Chryst my Lorde God and onely sauyour; and my body to the earthe, whense I was taken owt, in hope of the blyssed and gloryous resurrection from deade at the gloryous appearinge and comynge of our sauyour Chryst Jesus to judge bothe the quycke and the deade. Item I gyue and bequethe to my brother John Wade my frease gowne, my best cloke, my spanyshe lether jerken,

my lether dublet, my blacke hose, my russet hose, my best hat, my capp, my dagger, and my girdill. Item I gyue to my brother William Wade my rode sadell and bridell withe the furnyture that longethe therevnto, my best pack sadell withe a newe wante and wantyrop withe the best girt, a malyn lyne withe my woadfat coveryngs, my harđell, and my haulfe hundred weight. Item I gyue to Samuell Cole my blacke cote, and my russet cote. Item I gyve to the pore of Bildeston twenty shillings, to be dystributed vnto them within sixe dayes after my discease, at the discretion of my executor, and my brother William Wade, withe the collectors or the mynister. Item I gyve to Nicholas Warde, mynister of Bildeston, vj s. viij đ. Item I gyve to John Houlden, of Watesham, vj s. viij đ. Item I will that theas implements, the benche in the parlour, the benche in the hall, the portall, and the skryne, the glasse lattases and bourdes belonginge to the howse, the two stalles in the buttrye, the dores and locks withe yron worke belonginge vnto them, withe the shine and tyle in the howse or yarde, shall remayne in and withe the howse to the vse of my brother William Wade. Item I will and bequethe to Margery my wyfe fre dwellinge in my howse that I nowe dwell in tell the feast of Saynt Michaell next after my disceace, without eny disturbance, naye genst, or sale made of the same howse not withstandinge. All the rest of my moueable goods, detts, and others wheresoeuer thei maye be fownde, I gyue and bequethe to Margery my wyfe, whome I make my sole and alone executor, to paye my detts and legacyes in this my present will conteyned and specyfied, and thus I ende this my last will and testament made the thre and twenty daye of January, the twelfthe yeare of the reigne of our Souereigne Lady Elizabethe, by the grace of God, of Englonde and Irelonde quene, and in the yeare of our Lorde God 1569, by me Thomas Wade, testator. Theas beynge witnesse, John Houldē, Nicholas Warde, Ambrose Carboulde, John Wade of Framesden, Robert Marten.

Prob. at Bury, 18 Sept. 1570. [Lib. Aldrich, f. 45^{b}.]

Rycharde Kanam, of Soham.—1570.

In the name of God Amen. The xth daye of January, in the yeare of our Lorde God a thousande fyve hundrethe threskore and tenne, I, Rycharde Kanam, of the towne of Some, in the cownty of Cambrydge, laborer, beynge in pfytt mynde and good remembraunce, thancks be to God, thus makethe my laste will and testament as hereafter followethe: Fyrst I bequethe my sowle vnto Allmyghti God; and my body to be buryed in the churche yarde of S. Andrewe, in Some aforesaide. Fyrst I gyve and bequethe vnto John Kanam my sonne one blacke stered heckforde of the age of two yeres and the aduantage, and one payer of shetes of hemptre, and one payer of harden shetes, two pewter platters, and one candlestycke. Item I gyve and bequethe vnto Anne Kenam my dawghter one blacke heckforde of two yeares age and the vantage, and one payer of sheets of hemptery, and one payer of sheets of hurden, two pewter platters, and one latten candlestycke, and a lyttle coffer. Item I gyve and bequethe vnto Ioane Kenam my daughter one bed as hit stondethe in my chamber, withe a vnderclothe, and my best coverlet, withe a payer of shetes withe the hanginge of the same bed, and one payer of shetes of hempteren, and one berynge sheet, ij pewter platters, and one latten candlestycke, and my grete brasse pann, one owlde kave stondynge in the buttre, one table withe a payer of tressells, and a thicke forme. Item I will that my brown mere and my geldinge shall be sowlde by my executrix, and the mony for them shall be equally deuyded betwyn my wyfe and my thre children by my supuisor. Item I gyue vnto Thomas Wyllamson ye younger my sorrell meare coult. Item I gyve vnto John Durrant the younger my best cote. All the rest of all my goods and cattalls that I haue vnbequethed I gyve wholy vnto Agnes my wyfe, whome I doo ordeine and make my full executrix, and she to paie my detts and receyue my detts, and fullfill this my last wyll, and to brynge vpp my children withall, and to proue this my laste will, and to see

me honestly brought to the grownde, as my trust ys in her. Item I doo ordeyne and make Thomas Wylliamson the elder my supuisor or overseer to see this my last will be fulfylled. Wytnes to this my last will, Thomas Wylliamson, John Durrant the elder, John Durrant the younger.

Prob. at Myldenhall, 12 Apr. 1570.

[Lib. Aldrich, f. 7^{b}.]

Agatha Borrowdale, of Bury.—1613.

In the name of God Amen. The sixteenth daie of October, Anno Dñi 1613, I, Agatha Borowdale, of Burie S^{t}. Edmonds, in the countie of Suff., wydowe, beinge in good and perfect memorye, thancks be to Almightie God, doe make and ordeine this my present last will and testament, in manner and forme followinge: First, I bequeath and cõmend my sowle vnto Almightie God my maker, hopinge of the ꝑdon of all my sinnes in ye riche merites and deathe of Jesus Christ my Saviour; and my bodie to be buried wher it shall please God to dispose of the same. Alsoe I giue and bequeath vnto the poore of Newmerkytt, in the countie of Cambridge, one añuytie or yerelie rent of tenne shillinges yerelie, imediatlie after my decease, to be yssueinge and growinge owte of my teñte wth thapꝑteñnc̄e in Burie Saint Edmonds, in the countye of Suff. wch I purchased of Edmond Myllesonne, gent. scituate in the Crowne Streete, alꝭ Churchgovell Street, betwene ye tenement of Sir Willm Poolye, knight, and Dame Anne his wyfe, on the northe, and the comon streete called Westgate Streete on the sowthe, yerely for ever, to be paid vnto the churchwardens and overseers of the poore of the said towne for ye tyme being, att the ffeast of the Anũtyac̃on of the Virgine Marie; and yf it shall happen ye said añutye or yerely rent, or any parte theirof, to be behinde and vnpaid, it shall and maye be lawfull for the overseers and churchwardens aforesaid for the tyme beinge and their successors, to enter in to the said teñte, or anye

thapp^{r}tenñcϱ, and to distreine for the same soe often as the same shall happen to be behinde and vnpaid, and the distres or distreses to deteine vntill the said anuytie and the arreragϱ of the same shalbe truely paid. Alsoe I giue another añuytie or yerely rent of tenne shillinges, ymediatlie after my decease to be yssueinge owte of the same, and for ever shalbe, vnto the poore people of the ꝑishe of St. Maryes in Burie aforesaid; and for defalte of paym^{t}, the overseers and churchwardens of the ꝑishe aforesaid to enter and distraine for the same in suche sorte as I have lymitted for ye poore of Newm^{9}kytt aforesaid. Alsoe I giue and bequeath a nother anuytie or yerelie rent of tenne shillinges, yssueinge owte of the premisses, and ymediatlye after my decease yearelie payable, vnto suche learned preacher as shalbe provyded by the inhabitants of Newmerkytt aforesaid, to preache in ye chappell of the said towne, onlye for suche tyme or tymes as a preacher shalbe by them or some other good meanes their prouided, and shall ther preache. And for suche tyme as noe preacher shalbe their ꝑuided, by all that tyme my will is the same be yerelye bestowed vpon repayringe of the comon waye leadinge from Saxon Streete in Woodedytton, in the said countie of Cambridge, vnto the churche of Woodedytton aforesaid; but when and soe often as a preacher shalbe prouided for at the chappell aforesaid, then my will is the same to be paid vnto the said preacher towardꝭ his better maynetenance for ever. Also I giue another añuytie or yerelie rent of tenne shillinges, ymediately after my decease yssueinge owte of the premisses and payable towards ye mayntenance of the preacher of Sainte Maryes ꝑishe, in Burie aforesaid, to the hands of the alderman and assistaunce of the same towne for the tyme beinge and ther successors for ever. All wch paym^{ts} to be yerelie made at ye ffeast of the Anũtyac̃on of the Virgine Marie. And yf it fortune the said twoe last anuyties or yerelye rents, or either of them, to be behinde or vnpaid at the daies aforesaid, then and soe often as it shall soe happen to be behinde or vnpaid it shall and maie be lawfull to and for the ald^{e}rman, assistaunce, and chiefe

burgesses of the towne of Burie aforesaid for the tyme beinge, or any other by their appointment, and my desire is they wolde be pleased soe to doe, into the premisses from tyme to tyme, soe often as neede shall require, to enter and distreine, and the distres to detine vntill the said anuities or yerely rents shalbe fullye paid; wch last rent for Newemerkett I desire the saide alderman, assistaunce, and chiefe burgesses from tyme to tyme, soe often as they shalbe constrained to distraine for the same, to see it paid to suche as they shall vnderstand of righte ye same to be due vnto, whether towards ye mayntenance of a preacher in Newmarkett, or towards the repayringe of ye waie aforesaid, yerelie as the same shall happen to be due, accordinge to my true intent and meaninge. Also I giue and bequeath vnto my grandchild Susan Myleson my said teñte, wth all and sing̃ler ther apprtenñce, to have and to houlde to her and the heires of her bodie for ever; notwthstandinge my will and meaninge is that the said Edmond shall have the same duringe suche tyme as he shalbe sole and vnmarried, as it was agreed betweene vs at the purchase of the same. And in defalte of suche yssue to Agatha Mileson her sister, and the heires of her bodie for ever. And for defalte of suche yssue to Borowdale Myleson, and the heires of his bodie for ever. And for defalte of suche yssues asbovesaid, my will is that the fowre severall anuyties aforesaid shall cease, and then I will that the teñtes aforesaid, wth thapprtenñce, shall remaine and be vnto the aforesaid Edmond Mileson duringe his naturall life; and after his decease I will the same remayne and be vnto Frauncis Foulkes clarke, Robert Lukyn of Cambridge gent. and Robert his sonne, Thomas Kilborne of Woodedytton, and Thomas Kilborne and George Kilborne his sonnes, Symon Foulkes of Westlie, and Symon Foulkes his sonne, John Hasell of Bottisham, and Richard Hasell his sonne, and to their heires for ever, vpon trust and confidence that they from tyme to tyme shall keepe the same in sufficient repac̃ons, and shall demise the same at a valewable rent, and to the best profite, and make noe lease of ye same for anie longer terme

then seaven yeres, and shall yerelie for euer devide the ꝑfites therof, ye charges of necessarie repac̃ons defalked, into five equall parts: one parte therof my will is shall for ever yerely be distributed amongest the poore people of Newmerkitt aforesaid, by the chiefe inhabitants of the same towne; another ꝑte thereof amoungst the poore people of the parishe of Saint Maries in Burie aforesaid; another parte therof towards the mayntenance of a learned preacher in the chappell aforesaid; another parte theirof towards the mayntenance of a lerned preacher in the churche of S^t^. Maries aforesaid; and the other ꝑte towards the repayringe of the waie aforesaid, and other comon wayes w^th^in the ꝑishe of Woodeditton, to be bestowed by the discrec̃on of the inhabitants of the said towne of Woodedytton aforesaid, owte of wch profits notw^th^standinge my will and mynde is that at everie seaven yeres end the said Frauncis Foulkes, Robte Luken, Robte Lukyn, Thom^a^s Kilborne, Thomas Kilborne, George Kilborne, Symon Foulkes, Symon Foulkes, John Hasell, and Richard Hasell, and everie of them wch shalbe then above the age of one and twentie yeres, shall have for their paines a ringe of goulde of the price of thirtie shillinges, and yerelye suche reasonable charges as they shalbe at in repayreinge of the same messuage, and over that for their paynes and travell: prouided alwayes, and nevertheles my will and mynde is, y^t^ yf the said inhabitants of Burie and Newmerkitt aforesaid, or either of them, doe not prouide, or if by other meanes ther happen not to be provyded, in the said chappell and churche respectively learned preachers, that then those that shall fayle therin, their parte respecttively of the whole profits of the teñts aforesaid, bequeathed as abouesaid towards the maynetenance of the same preachers, in default therof, shalbe distributed amoungest the poore people of Newmerkytt, in the countie of Cambridge, and of Woodedytton ^a^foresaid, yerelye for suche and soe longe tyme or tymes onlye as the said places, or either of them respectively, shall happen to be soe vnprovyded. And alsoe my will is that, the same beinge provyded, everie of the said preachers neglectinge or not preachinge

by him selfe or sõme other learned man, and not letted by sicknes, shall for everye Sondaye soe omyttinge to preache loose twoe shillinges and sixe pence owte of his said exhibic̃on, towards the releife of the poore of Saint Maryes in Burie and of Newmerkett in Cambridsheire, to be defalked owte by the said feoffes in trust, and paid over accordinge to my true intent and meaninge. Alsoe my will and earnest desire is, that yf it shall please God all my said graundchildren doe dye wthowte yssue, that they, my said freinds to whome I have hereby lymitted the remainder in trust, as is abovesaid, when the nomber of them shalbe decreased and broughte to three or lesse, that then the survyvors doe convey the said teñte vpon trust and confidence as aforesaid to them selves and seaven or more suche other honest and able persons of credit and reputation as shalbe likely to imploye the profites of the same accordinge to my meanĩge, as they in ther discrec̃ons, wth the assistaunce of the preachers of ye churche and chappell aforesaid, shall seme fittest; and when those feoffes shall decrease and drawe vnto the nvmber of fowre or lesse, my will is that those survivinge shall elect seaven or more like feoffes vnto them, and that the same be conveyed againe to the said survyvors and the newe elected feoffes, vpon trust and confidence as abovesaid; and soe from tyme to tyme soe often as the feoffes shall decrease to the nvmber of three or lesse, my will and desire is that a like newe nvmber of feoffes as abovesaid, and for the purpose abovesaid, shalbe elected, and the premisses to them conveyed, desiringe them all in the feare of God to see ye same revenewes dulye imployed accordinge to this my present last will and testamte, as my truste is in them, and as they will aunswere when we shall meete at Gods judgmte seate. Alsoe I giue and bequeathe vnto the said Borowdale Mileson his greate grandfather's, Mr. Richard Borowdale's, seale ringe of gould. Alsoe I giue and bequeath vnto the said Agatha Myleson all that hundred poundes wch the aforesaid Edmond Mileson standeth bound to paie vnto suche of his children as I shall lymitt and appointe the same vnto by my last

will; but if she die before she have receyved the same, I will and bequeathe the same vnto Suzan Mileson her sister; and if she dye before she have receyved the same, then I will and bequeath the same to be paid to the saide Borowdale Myleson. Alsoe I giue and bequeath vnto John Foulkes, sonne of Roger Foulkes, clarke, deceased, the sõme of sixe pounds, thirtene shillings, and fowre pence, to be paid him owte of the said teñte at his age of one and twentie yeres, or at suche tyme as he shall be preferred to the vniversitie as a scoller, or be bound owte an apprentice to sõme good trade of life, wch shall first happen; and for defalte of paym^{te} my will and mynde is y^{t} he enter into the said teñte and hould the same vntill owte of the revenewes therof he shall have levyed the same. Alsoe I giue and confyrme vnto the said Agatha Myleson all suche plate, lynnen, pewter, brasse, beddinge, and howsehold stufe, as I and the said Edmond longe agoe did give vnto her by a jointe deede of guift, and suche other howshold stuffe as is marked wth the letters of her name. Alsoe I giue and bequeathe vnto the said Susan Mileson all suche other my plate, lynnen, pewter, brasse, and other howshould stufe, as was not conteyned in the said deede of guifte, or wch I boughte synce the makinge therof. The residue of all my goods and chattells, my debtes paid and my funerall expenses discharged, I giue and bequeath vnto the said Agatha, whom I hereby noïate and appointe my sole executrix, and my aforesaid welbeloved kinesman Mr. Robte Lukyn the overseer of this my present last will and testam^{te}, wch overseer I desire to have a care to see this my ꝑsent laste will and testam^{te} ꝑformed, as my trust is in him. In wittnes wherof I have hereunto sett my hand and seale, the daie and yere first above wrytten, anno dñi 1613. Redd, published, sealed, and subscribed after ye enterlynïg in the presence of Edmond Milleson, Martin Fookes, Elizabeth Elsegood, Emond Frost.

[Lib. Stevens, f. 87^{b}.]

William Cooke, gent. of Bury.—1614.

This is the last will and testament of me, Wiłłm Cooke, of Burie St. Edmond, in the countie of Suff., wthin the dyoces of Norw^{ch}, gent. wrytten wth myne owne hande, beinge of whole mynde and ꝑfect remembrance, thancked be God, made and declared the twentie daye of Aprill, in the yere of the reigne of our sovereigne lord James, by the grace of God kinge of Ingland, Fraunce, and Ireland, defendo^{r} of the ffaithe, &c. the twelvth, and of Skottland the seaven and fortie, and in the yeare of our Lord a thowsaund sixe hundred and fowreteene, hereby revokinge all other wills and testaments heretofore by me made; and above all thinges I wholie and fullye co$\tilde{m}$end and giue my soule into the handes of Almightie God, the Father, the Sonne, and the Holye Ghost, havinge full hope, trust, and confydence of ꝑdon and forgyvenes of all my synnes and offences, and that onlye by the merites of my onlye Savio^{r} Jesus Christ, his passion, resurrection, and assention, and therby to be one of his elect; and my bodie to the earthe, to be buried, as my desire is, in the churchyarde of Burie aforesaid, neere to my children, in seemely manner, therin avoyding, as mvche as maye convenientlie be, all vsuall owteward and vayne ostentac̃on. And of this my last will and testament I make and ordaine Margarett my wyfe my sole executrix. And I gyve and bequeath to the said Margarett my messuages, or teñtes, scituate and beinge in or neere the streete called or knowne by the name of the Colledge Streete, aꝉs Barnewell Streete, aꝉs Hencote Streete, in Burie St. Edmond aforesaid, wth all the howses, buyldinges, edyfices, cellers, chambers, yards, gardens, orchards, grounds, easements, comodityes, and priueledges to the same, or either or anye of them, belonging, wth all and everie ther or anye of their appurten^{a}ncϵ, and the reu$\tilde{c}$on and reversions of the same, to haue and to houlde the same messuages, teñtes, and premises, wth the appurten^{a}ncϵ, to the said Margarett my wyfe and her assignes for and duringe all the terme of her naturall

lyfe, and alsoe for the terme of fowre yeres nexte and imediately after her decease, for her the same Margarett, her exor or assignes, to sell, vse, and dispose the same terme of fowre yeres for her and yer best comoditye and profyte. And, havinge had longe experience of the malycious disposicon of Richard Cooke my sonne towards the saide Margarett my wyfe, and fearinge he will be troublesome, and molest and disturbe her after my decease, as well in her possession as by colr of a request or desire mentyoned in the last will and testamte of Henrie Payne of me deceased, dated in the moneth of June, in the tenthe yere of the reigne of or late sovereigne ladie Queene Elizabeth, that one peece of plate and some other thinge gyven to me by the same last will and testamte might be left to the said Richard overlyvinge me, some of wch thinges are worne, and ye said peece of plate have byne owte of my possession by the space of a dozen yeares and more, and nowe come to the possession of suche one as I knowne not, and soe owte of hope of the havinge againe of the same, and havinge a care to prouide for the quiett of the said Margarett my wyfe against ye said Richard, whoe was of longe tyme verie chargable to me in his education and bringinge vpp in learninge, and the same peece of plate and other thinges beinge at my free disposicon to bestowe at my will; I will, therfore, that the said Richard my sonne shall and doe make sale and delyver as his deede to the saide Margarett, her exor or admiñstrators, wthin twoe monethes nexte after my decease, accomptinge either of the same monethes after the rate of eighte and twentie daies to the monethe, a good and a suffycient release of all accons, suytes, and demaunds psonall whatsoever; and then I will that, wthin fowreteene daies nexte after such release made and deliued as ys aforesaid, vpon request to be made to the said Margarett by the said Richard my sonne, the same Margarett shall delyver or cause to be delyvered to the same Richard all my bookes wch I shall have at the tyme of my decease, concerninge the comon lawe or statute of this realme of England, and in defalte of the

makinge and delyveringe of suche a release as is aforesaid, in manner and forme aforesaid, my intent and meaning is, that the same Richard shall not have ye same bookes, nor anye of them. And further I will that yf the same Richard my sonne shall or doe at anye tyme trouble, disquiet, molest, or anye waies disturbe, vex, or sue the seid Margarett, or take anye goods, chattells, plate, howshould stufe, or other thinge w^c^h I shall leave, contrarie to my true meanīge herein, then I will and deuise that the said messuages, houses, buyldinges, and premises, w^t^h all and sing̃ler ther and everye of ther appurteñnce, shall remayne and be to and for the benefyte, profyte, and comoditie of the said Margarett, her ex̃er, administrators, or assignes, for the terme of sixe whole yeres over and besydes the aforesaid fowre yeares before deuised to her nexte and imediately ensewinge the same fowre yeres ended, for the same Margarett to sell or dispose in her lyfe, or to be sould, vsed, or disposed by her ex̃er, admīst̃r, or assignes, for her or their best benefyte, profyte, and comoditie for the same terme. All the rest of my goods, chattells, plate, ymplem^t^e, howsholde stufe, and other goods whatsoever not herein gyven or otherwyse disposed, my debtes beinge paid and other necessarie thinges p̃formed, I doe wholie giue and bequeath vnto the said Margaret my wyfe, and soe I end. In wyttnes wherof I have herevnto sett my hand and sealed ye same. Dated the daye and yeare first above written, per me Wiłłm Cooke. Wittnesses hereof, John Shawberye, John Jewell. Memorand, that the xvj^th^ of Maye 1617, the testator above mentyoned did acknowledge and publishe ye writinge before in this presence conteyned to be the last will and testament of him the said above mentyoned William Cooke, beinge in noe part therof raced or interlyned, in the presence of vs wittnesses thereto especially called, Wiłłm Bedell, Edward Page.

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[Lib. Gibson, f. 118.]

Lady Anne Drury, of Hardwicke.—1621.

In the name of the blessed Trynitie, I, Anne Drewry, of Hargett alius Hardwick, in the countie of Suff. wydowe, doe hereby revoke and disanull all former wills, and doe make and ordaine this my last will and testam^t^ as followeth: First, I bequeath my sowle vnto my mercyfull Creator, trustinge by the onlye merites of my blessed [Lord] and Savio^r^ to have all my synnes pardoned, and this mortall bodie to be clothed wth ymortallitie. Next I will my bodie to be laid in the tombe at Hasted by my deere husband and dawghter Dorothie, vppon wch I desire to have no funerall pomp bestowed, nor any black, but onlye to my servaunt℘. Concernĩge my temporall estate, I will first that my owne debtes, and any iust debt℘ wch canne be challenged to be due from my husband, be paid next. I giue my manner of Malkins Hall to my brother Nicholas Bacon and his heires forever, condic̃onallie that he paie vnto my cosen Will^a^m Drurie of Hedgeley in Buckenham sheire soe manye hundred pounds as he shall proue to have bene paid to me synce my husband's deathe, vppon the composic̃ons betweene my sisters and his father and my selfe; yf he not lyvinge, then I bequeath it to his next heire; and if my said brother shall not paie him the money w^th^in a yeare after my deathe, that then anye of the rest of my brothers, after my eldest brother Sr Edmond shall refuse it, shall enter it and holde it to them and heires vppon the same condic̃on, wch if they alsoe fayle to ꝑforme, then I will my said cosen William Drury or his heires shall enter and keepe it to him and to his heires forever. Next I give unto my nephew Robert Bacon my leases of Hencote and Burie; to my neece Anne Gawdie, a hundred pound℘; to my neece Barmaston, a hundred pound℘; to my sister Gawdie, my agett and pearle chaine wch was my mothers; to my sister Waldgrave, the diamond ringe wch was my grandmothers; to my Ladie Ceaser, my crosse of diamonds; to all my brothers wyves, ringes to remember me; tenne poundes

a peece to all my howshold servantꝭ whom I bequeth nothinge else; tenn pounds a peece to my sʳvaunt Thomas Cornishe and his wife; twoe hundred poundꝭ, and two of the ordinarie lyverie fetherbedꝭ, wᵗʰ the blankettꝭ, couᵖlettꝭ, and bedstedꝭ, as they stand, and sixe paire of flaxen or course holland sheetes, to Anne Cornishe her dawghter; a hundred marke to Anne Peter; all my wearinge clothes, excepte a gowne and a pettycote, to Elizabeth Godbolde; and to Anne Peter twentie pounds in money; to Bartholomew Cooke, one hundred markes. Item I bequeath to honorable lord Burley 210ˡⁱ, wᶜʰ he oweth me for horses; to his noble ladie, my clothe bedd of my owne workinge, wᵗʰ the furniture to yt; to my dere sister Cecill, all the furniture in my brewe howse, and all the hogshedꝭ, and the furniture and plate of my chappell; to my sister Wraye, that suyte of hanginges wᶜʰ hanges in my greate chamber towardꝭ the fynishinge of Hawsted. I giue also vnto Judeth Stalleng fortie pounds, condicionallie that she delyver in the bond she hath of my husbandꝭ. I giue alsoe to my cosen James Bacon and his wyfe twentie poundꝭ, to bestowe in some plate to remember me; to Mrs. Harvye, fyve pounds a yeare duringe her lyfe. All the rest of my goods vnbequeathed, except fortie poundꝭ wᶜʰ I giue to Mr. Brabon, I giue vnto my dere brother Sʳ Edmond Bacon, knight, desiringe him if, after he have [paid] my debtes and legacies, yf he fynde anye plentie remayninge, he would bestowe some of my howsholde of my brother Nicke, whom I knowe he loveth as derely as my selfe, and therefore he shall neede noe bondꝭ to lye him to it. Lastlie I ordaine my executoʳs to this my last will and testamᵗ my dere and worthie brother Sʳ Edmond Bacon, knight, and Mr. Nicholas Bacon, of whose love and integritie I am soe confidente that I am assured they will [not] fayle to ꝑforme accordinge to intention. And I alsoe bequeath, wᶜʰ I had forgotten, tenne pounds a peece to all my brothers to buye them ringes, and twentie pounds to be bestowed in ringes of tenne shillinges amongest my freindꝭ, whom they shall thinke fitt. In wyttnes that this is my last will and testament, I

have setto my hand and seale to everie syde of this paper, the first of June, 1621, in the presence of (I desire my brother Sr Edmond Bacon that he woulde take Bouzer Giles into his care and provide for him. A. Drury.) sealed and delyvered in ye ꝑsence of Thomas Ruse, Martha Bacon. I bequeathe alsoe to my twoe brother-in-lawes tenne poundes a peece to buy them ringes. This is a true coppie of the will of the ladie Anne Drury, examined by the originall vppon the fourth daie of June, anno dñi 1624, by John Gibbon and Richard Peade.

[Lib. Harrold, f. 722.]

Richard Elsden, of Bury.—1637.

Mr. Petchy, of Bury, drap, owe me ffourtene poundꝭ twelve shillingꝭ. Goodman Howes, of Bury, yarneman, owe me xx li., and I owe hym three yardꝭ of cloth for a paire of britches. Robert Petchy, of Mildenhall, drap, owe me twelve poundꝭ ten shillingꝭ. Mr. Brownesmyth, of Bildestone, owe me nyne poundꝭ. Mr. Howlett, of Brandone, owe me tenn poundꝭ eight shillingꝭ. Mr. Aldham, of Hingham, owe me iij li. x s̃. Goodman Bird, of Mildenhall, owe me xxxv s̃. Mr. Coldham, of Norwiche, owe me fiftie shillingꝭ. My cosin Bug, of Mildenhall, ffive and thirtie shillingꝭ. Goodman Raie, of Barrowe, owe me fortie shillingꝭ. In all threscore and eighten poundꝭ wch is oweng me. Off the goodꝭ wch it hath pleased the Lord to lend me, then I haue at Forneham eight peeces of course cloth, most twoe dussen peeces, and foure peeces of fyne cloth, and twoe peeces of Nerginatos. Then there is at goodman Goslines at Icklingham sixe twoe dussen peeces, and at goodman Crosses of Lackford twoe peeces. And there is of weaving at goodman Lowes four peeces of cloth, and goodman Parker haue of weaving foure dussens, and goodman Kendall haue a twoe dussen peece in weaving. And there is at my sisters six peeces, and at goodwife Bolderow's twoe

peeces. And there is in the house drest and raw thirty peeces; and there is twoe broad clothes and as much yarne as will make another broad cloath; and there is some sixe and thirtie grosse of small yarne. And I haue in the chamber of yarne and at spynners as much as will make eight or nyne peeces. Soe in all there maye be threscore and fifteene peeces besides the broadcloaths and the wooll that is in the chamber of wett and dried. Goodman Hindes owe me xxiiij s. Goodman Weeding, of Dunstall Green, owe me some xx s.; and goodman Allen, of this towne, owe me x s. And I haue a great deale oweing me amongst my spynners; and there is a great deale of topworke abroad at spynners. And I owe John Brightall for combeing of ten skore pounde and ten of tops, wch comes to xxxj s. viij d. And I owe Danyell Whitaere for twoe loade and a halfe of wood, and for three loade of brushe wood, and goodman King for a load of brushewood. And you shall haue Mr. Cages bill in the truncke; there is other bills of his, but they are all paide. And I owe goodman Bird of Denham iiij li. xiij s. And I giue my vnckle Petchy xx s., and goodwife Bolderowe and her kinswoman fortie shillinge, and I owe her money for Burling, her tally will shew it, but there is a good . . . . to sett vp. My cosin Margaret Petchy xx s. I giue, and my cosin Bell and Lidia fortie shillinge betwene them. And John Mount and John Muske x s. peece, Margaret Texall xx s. But now these, wth the some of that wch I haue giuen, and the some of those thinges that are in the bill, I bequeath it as my last will and testament into the hande of my [brother] James and sister Anne. And these twoe are as witnesses wch will set toe their hands, John Brightall, Mary Johnson. Now of this that it shall please God I shall leaue behinde me, I giue it to my brother James and sister Anne; but one lye sick; if it please God to take hyr the other shall haue it. But they shall paie twelve tenn pounde out of it to my mother lawes children of Mildenhall, to be parted amongst them, and to my twoe weavers x s. a peece. And Georg Johnson shall haue as much cloth as will make hym a suite; and

John Brightall shall haue xx s. And amonge my spynners I giue twoe poundℓ; and amongst my poore neighbours you shall giue fortie shillings; but goodwife Howes in the Almes Rowe shall haue x s. of it. And Edward Elsden shall haue tenn poundℓ. Ther is in the trunck . . . pounds of money; and my vnckle Oliver Hovell shall haue fiue poundℓ, and my vnckle Stephen Hovell shall haue xx s., and my aunt Hovell shall have iij li.; and my three cosins Oliver, Elizabeth, and Sara, shall haue fortie shillings a peece.

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Francis Pynner, of Bury, Gent.—1639.

In the name of God Amen. The six and twentieth daie of Aprill, in the ffiftenth yere of the raigne of our sou^r^aigne Lord Charles, by the grace of God of England, Scotland, France, and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c. and in the yere of our Lord God 1639, I, Francis Pynner, of Bury St. Edmund's, in the county of Suff. gent. being of good and ꝑfect minde and memory, praised bee my Heavenly Father for the same, hereby revoking and makeing void and frustrate all other former wills and testam^ts^ heretofore by me made (either nuncupative or in writeing) doe make and ordaine this to bee my last will and testam^t^, in mann^r^ and forme following: (that is to saie) First and before all things I coñend my soule into the mercifull hands of God, assuredly trusting and confidently beleiveing that by the ꝑcious bloudshedding of my onely saviour and deare redeem^r^ Jesus Christ I shall haue free pardon and remission of all my sinnes, and after the end of this vayne and transitory life to be received into his blessed kingdome, amongst his holy angells, elect saints, and chosen children, with them to remaine in ꝑpetuall joyes and vnspeakable felicitye for ever. My bodie I comitt to the earth, whence it was first taken, to be buried in a xp̃ian manner, according

to my place and ranke wherin I live and wherevnto I am called in this world, nothing doubting of a happie resurrecc̃on vnto eternall salvac̃on. And whereas I haue already settled by covenants the greatest part of my lands, tenements, and hereditam^{ts}, according to my minde and good likeing in that behalfe, I doe hereby declare my will and minde for and concerning the rest and residue of my lands, tenem^{ts}, and hereditam^{ts}, as followeth: (that is to saie) First I giue and bequeath my messuage called the Colledge, wherein I nowe dwell, and my two messuages therevnto adioyninge, whereof one is in the occupac̃on of Henry Booty, or of his assignes, and the other of them in the occupac̃on of John Hynes, or of his assignes, wth their and eu^{9}y of their appurtenances, vnto such ꝑson and ꝑsons as at the tyme of my death shalbe the right heire or heires vnto mee the said Francis Pynner, to remaine to my said right heires and to their heires and assignes for ever: provided alwaies, and my will and minde is, and I doe hereby devise and appoint, that my loving cosen Mr. Jeremy Burrow, clerke, shall haue the private vse of the chamber wthin the said messuage called the Colledge, wherein the said Jeremy Burrowes hath vsually abode and lodged in when he hath come to the said messuage called the Colledge; and also the private vse of all the bed and bedding com̃only vsed in the said chamber, wth free ingresse, egresse, and regresse into and from the said chamber, and into and from the yards belonging to the said messuage called the Colledge, for him the said Jeremy, or for anie other ꝑson that he shall think fitt to accompany him, for the entertainm^{t}, vse, and lodgeing, of him the said Jeremy Burrowe, and his freind whom he shall thinke fitt to accompany him, from time to time and at all times, at the will and pleasure of the said Jeremy, dureing his naturall life, when and as often as hee the said Jeremy shall come to kepe and lodge in the same chamber. Item I giue and bequeath all my tenem^{ts}, as well freehold as copyhold, wth their appurten^{cs}, now or late time being in the tenure or occupac̃on of John Harrison, or of his assignee or assignes, scituate and being

in or neere to the place called the Fishmarkett, in Bury aforesaid, vnto my grandchild Rebecca Browning, dureing her naturall life, and after her decease the same to be and remaine vnto her sister Doreas Browninge, and to her heires and assignes for ever. Item I give and bequeath my twoe meadowes now or late in the occupac̃on of the said John Harrison, or of his assignee or assignes, wth thappurtenances, vnto my grandchild Vallentine Elsden, the sonne of my sonne-in-lawe Vallentine Elsden, and to the heires and assignes of the said Vallentine Elsden my grandchild for ever. Item I giue and bequeath vnto Jeremy Elsden, my grandchild, and his heires and assignes for ever, my messuage or tenem^t^, wth thappurtenc̃e, scituate and being in or nere to the streete called the Whiteinge Streete, in Bury aforesaid, now in the tenure or occupac̃on of one Elizabeth Smith, widowe, or of her assignes. Item I giue and bequeath my meadow wch I purchased of Willm Heyward, gent. vnto my kinsman Timothie Atkinson the yonger, and the heires of his body lawfully begotten for ever (if the said Timothy Atkinson shalbe abideing wth me at the time of my decease), and for defalt of such issue, then the same to remaine to the right heires of me the said Francis Pynner for ever. Item, whereas my late wives kinsman Francis Potter, of Bury St. Edmund, baker, at the late heavy visitac̃on did take great paines about me in the time of my trouble, in reguard I cold gett noe body to helpe me, and that all my houshold fledd from me and left me both comfortles (in respect that at that time I had my man dyed of the sicknes) when my selfe and my wife were boeth lame; in considerac̃on thereof I haue infeoffed the said Francis Potter and his heires for ever in twoe messuages or tenem^ts^ in Bury St. Edmund aforesaid, in thoccupac̃on of the said Francis Potter and John Kinge, the said Francis Potter payeing vnto mee the said Francis Pynner, or my assignes, dureing my naturall life the s̃ume of ten pounds p̃ annū of lawfull money of England (as by the feoffm^t^ thereof made more at large it may and doth appeare). Item, whereas Elizabeth Pell, the wife of Willm Pell thelder, and

John Pell their sonne, did take like paines about me, as is before menc̃oned, in the time of my great callamity and heavie visitac̃on, as is aboue specified, I doe giue and bequeath vnto the said Willm Pell and John Pell all and singler suche sũme and sũmes of money as the saide Willm and John doe owe vnto mee either by bonds, bills, or any waies or means whatsoeu^{9}. Item in considerac̃on that John Newgate, of Bury St. Edmund, malster, diuers and sondry times hath come and resorted to comfort and conferr wth me in the time of my sorrowe and heavines, I doe giue and bequeath vnto him the said John Newgate the sũme of ffoure pounds of lawfull money of England, to be paid vnto him wthin one yere next after my decease. Item, whereas Robt Walker, of Bury aforesaid, stationer, was somewhat helpfull vnto me at the said time of my visitac̃on, I doe giue and bequeath vnto the said Robt Walker the sũme of ffortie shillings of laufull money of England, to be paid vnto him within one yere next after my decease. Item I giue and bequeath vnto my cosen Cicely Godfrey ffive pounds of lawfull money of England, to be paid vnto her wthin one yeare next after my decease. Item I giue and bequeath vnto my godson Mr. Richard Baker, of London, and his sonne, foure pounds a peice of lawfull money of England, to be paid vnto them within one yere next after my decease. Item I giue and bequeath vnto my said cosen Mr. Jeremy Burrows tenn pounds of lawfull money of England, to be paid vnto him within one yere next after my decease. Item I giue and bequeath vnto Francis Burrowes ffiue pounds of lawfull money of England, to be paid vnto him within one yeare next after my decease. Item I giue and bequeath vnto Samuel Burrowes ffiue poundes of lawfull money of England, to be paid vnto him wthin one yere next after my decease. Itm I giue and bequeath vnto Frances Atkinson, the wife of Timothy Atkinson thelder, ffive pounds of lawfull money of England, to be paid vnto her w^{t}hin one yere next after my decease. Item I giue and bequeath vnto Timothy Atkinson, the sonne of the said Timothy, the sũme of fiue pounds of lawfull money of England, to

be paid vnto him within one yere next after my decease. Item I give, will, and devise vnto my grandchilde Robt Gooderich, and his heires and assignes for ever, all those my lands, both copy and free, wth thappurteñcꝭ, lyeing in the townes and feilds of Barton Magna, in the county aforesaid, or Bury St. Edmund abovesaid, or in either of them, wch I lately bought and purchased of Wiłłm Nutt, of Barton aforesaid, and doe containe together by estimac̃on sixtene acres, be there more or lesse, vpon condic̃on notw^th^standing that the said Robt Gooderich, his executo^rs^, administrato^rs^, or assignes shall well and truely paie vnto the said Mr. Jeremy Burrowes, John Newgate, Robt Walker, Mr. Richard Baker, and his sonne, Cicely Godfrey, Francis Burrowes, Samuel Burrowes, Frances Atkinson, and Timothy Atkinson, if they come and demand it of him, all the said legacies and sūmes of money before herein by me ꝑticularly giuen and bequeathed vnto them and eu⁹y of them, in such mann⁹ and forme, and at such times, as before are menc̃oned and expressed. Item I giue and bequeath vnto such p⁹sons as within foure monethes next after my decease shalbe new elected ffeoffees of the lands, tenem^ts^, and hereditam^ts^, belonging to the com̃on proffitt of Bury St. Edmund aforesaid, by what name or names they or any of them are or shalbee called or knowne, all that my messuage or tenem^t^, wth thappurtenancꝭ, scituate and being in or neere the streete called the Whiteing Streete, in Bury St. Edmund aforesaid, nowe being in the tenure or occupac̃on of Richard Randall or of his assignes, being of the yerely rent of twentie markes of lawfull English money ꝑ annū, by him paid vnto me quarterly for the same, to haue and to hold to the said ꝑsons wch shalbe newly elected ffeoffees, as aforesaid, and to their heires and assignes for ever, vpon trust and confidence neu⁹theles that the said ffeoffees and all and eu⁹ry ꝑson and ꝑsons wch from and after the time of my departure out of this world shalbe seised of the said messuage, wth thappurteñcꝭ, in thoccupac̃on of the said Richard Randall or his assignes, shall yerely and every yeare for ever from and after the feast of St. Michaell tharchangell next

after my decease, out of the said yerely rent and proffitts of the said messuage, wth thappurteñcꝭ, provide and giue to ffoure skore poore people of the ꝑish of St. Mary, in Bury aforesaid, for the time being (whereof tenn to be men, thirty women, and fortie to be children), alwaies in the moneth of Novemb^r^ yearelie, as of my charitable guift and benevolence, one shirt or a smock, according to their seuꝰ all sorts and sexes. And shall alsoe out of the yerely rents, revenewes, and ꝑfitts of ye same messuage, wth thappurteñcꝭ, vpon the last Friday in euꝰy moneth throughout the yere, yerely and euꝰy yere for ever, from and after the feast of St. Michaell tharchangell next after my decease, provide and give one twoepenny wheaten loafe to and for ffortie poore people that shall then come to the ꝑish church of St. Marie, in Bury aforesaid, and then inhabiteing in the same ꝑish of St. Mary, and then be catachised in the same church by the then minister of the same church, or by some other sufficient learned minister of the word, to be by him from time to time in that behalfe deputed or appointed, (that is to say,) to euꝰy one of the said forty poore people one twoepenny wheaten loafe. And my will and minde is that all the said bread shalbe from time to time be made, baked, and sent to the said church by my late wives said kinsman Francis Potter, soe longe as he shall live, and shalbe distributed amongst the said poore people at the times aforesaid by the clarke, sexten, and bedell of the said ꝑish of St. Mary for the time then beeing, or by some of them, and the said clarke, sexton, and bedell, or soe many of them as from time to time shalbe pꝰsent at the said catechising, to haue the inbread of the said bread wch shalbe brought and provided as aforesaid. And I will that out of the yerely rents and proffitts of the said messuage, wth thappurteñcꝭ, the minister of the said ꝑish of St. Maries for the time being, and catechiseing of the said poore, or causeing them to be catechised as aforesaid, shall haue yerely for ever twenty shillings out of the said rent for his and their paines taking in catechiseing as aforesaid. And my will and meaning is that, if any overplus shalbee of

the rents and proffitts of the said messge, wth thappurteñeꝭ, more then shall suffice for the ꝑformance of the said godly and charitable vses herein before limitted and appointed, and for the repac̃ons of the same messuage, wth thappurteneꝭ, and the payṁt of the lordꝭ rent due for the same from time to time, that the same overplus shall from tyme and to time, by the said new elected ffeoffees of the said messuage for the time then being, be imployed to and for the buyeing and provideing of horne bookes and primers to be giuen to poore children of the said ꝑish of St. Maries, in Bury aforesaid. And whereas I am possessed of a certaine lease for the terme of thirty or fortie yeres or thereabouts, therein yet to come and vnexpired, of and in fowre seu̓all houses or tenemts (lately by me newly builded), wth their appteñeꝭ, scituate and being in or neere to the streete or plaee ealled the Mustowe, in Bury Saint Edmund aforesaid, now or of late tyme being in the seu̓all tenures or oecupac̃ons of Henry Clarke, Rob̃t Parker, Peter Newman, and John Dickenson, or of their or some of their assignee or assignes, the yerely rents of wch said fowre houses or tenemts due and payable to mee together doe amount to eleaven pounds ꝑ annū or thereabouts, I doe hereby give and bequeath all the said foure tenemts and eu̓y of them, with their appurteñeꝭ, vnto sueh ꝑsons as within fowre monthes next after my deeease shalbee newly elected ffeoffees of the lands and tenemts belonging to the com̃on proffitt of the inh̃itants of Bury St. Edmund aforesaid, to haue and to hold to them and their assignes from and after the feast of St. Miehaell tharchangell next comeing after the daie of my depture out of this world, for and dureing all the rest and residue of the said lease and terme of yeres, wch shalbe therein to eome and vnexpired, vpon trust and confidenee alsoe that they and all those wch from and after my decease shalbe possessed of the said lease and terme shall yerely and eu̓y yere from and after the feast of St. Michaell tharchangell next after my death, dureing all the eontinuance of the said lease and terme, imploy the yerely rents of the said foure tenemts aceording to my will and minde herevnder expressed and deelared :

(that is to saye), the yerely sūme of ffiue pounds ꝑell of the said yerely rents to be bestowed in wheaten bread, to be made into penny loaves, and vpon eu^{ry} Lord's day, called Sonday, throughout eu^{ry} yere of the said terme, fowre and twenty loaves of the said bread, wth the inbread allowed by the baker for those twoe dosens of bread, to be timely brought and sett vpon a forme towards the vpp end of the chancell of the said pish chureh of St. Mary (or where the minister of that pish for the time being shall appointe), in the mornings of the same daies, before the beginning of divine service in the said chureh vpon those seu^{ry}all dayes; and after the end and finishing of diuine service and sermon in that chureh that day, the same twoe dosens of bread to be giuen and distributed by the minister, churchwardens, and overseers of the poore of the said pish, or any twoe of them, for the time then beeinge, whereof the minister of the said chureh for the time then being allwaies to be one (if he shall soe please), to and amongst fowre and twenty poore people wch shalbe then inhabiteing in the said pish of St. Maries, and shalbe knowne to bee that day at the church of St. Maries aforesaid, at diuine service there, and before the first lesson for that day shalbe read in the said chureh. And my will and minde is that the pish clarke and sexton of the said church, and the beadle of the said pish of St. Marie for the time then being, shall alwaies be three wch from time to time shall haue their shares and parts in the said bread. And they, the said clarke, sexton, and bedell, shall alwaies haue the inbread of all the bread aforesaid, ov^{r} and besides their shares in the said twoe dosens of bread from time to time, and I will that all the said bread shall from time to time be bought and taken of and from the said Francis Potter, as long as he shall live. And I doe hereby earnestly intreate the said ffeoffees and others trusted and wch shalbe trusted and imploied in and about the bestowing of the saide charitable guifts or any of them, that (as much as in them shall lye) they imploy the same to and for the comfort and reliefe of all impotent and honest poore people inhabiteing or wch for the time then being shall inhabite

and dwell within the ꝑish of St. Maries, in Bury aforesaid, and that no bastard, whoremonger, nor any ꝑson vehementlie suspected of whoredom or vncleane life shalbe ꝑtaker of my said charitable guiftes, or any of them. And I will my grandchildren or any of them (if they will) shall from time to time haue the noïation and appointm^t^ of such poore people as they or any of them shall thinke well of, inhabiteing, or wch for the time being shall inhabite, w^th^in the said ꝑish of St. Marie, in Bury St. Edmund aforesaid, to haue the benefitt of my said charitable guifts. And further my will and minde is that, from and after thend and expiracõn of the first yere next after my depture of this world, the said ffeoffees, and those ꝑsons wch from time to time dureing the continuance of the said lease and terme shall for the time then beeing be possessed of the said lease and terme, shall yerely and eu^ry^ yere dureing all the rest of the said lease and terme wch shalbe then to come and vnexpired laye out and disburse ffive pounds of lawfull English money in and about puttinge out of ffive poore children, borne in the said ꝑish of St. Maries, to be ap^ry^ntices or to service, wherein I wold that the children wch from time to time for the time then beeing shalbe in the coñon workinghouse of Bury aforesaid shalbe ꝑferred to be bound out or putt to service wth the helpe of my said guift (if it may be done convenientlie) before such children or childe as shall not before that time haue bene kept and trained vp to work in the said workinghouse. And I will that the overplus of the yerely rents of the said foure tenem^ts^ shall from time to time goe and bee imployed for and towards the paym^t^ of the chiefe rent reserved in and by the indenture of lease thereof to me made, and for and towards the repacõns of the same houses as neede shall require. And whereas divers doners haue of their great loves bestowed vpon the said burgh of Bury St. Edmund, not onely divers sũmes of money, but also certaine landes, tenem^ts^, meadowes, and pastures, to bee for a ꝑpetuall remembrance for ever, and did noïate divers ffeoffees to be putt in trust for a succession for ever, and that from time to time there shold be a

perpetuall nominac̃on of those feoffees, especially when the number was come to ffourtene; yet notw^thstanding, by the negligence of those that were putt in truste, the nominac̃on, although from time to time and yere to yere they haue bene importuned therevnto, and I thinke it is to noe good intent, but howsoeu^r I knowe it is a great losse to the poore and the inhabitants vpon mine owne knowledge, by guifts given by my selfe and some others that are not paid accordingly; and besides I had an intent to bestowe somewhat to some charitable vses, wch I knowe not well how to doe because the feoffm^t is drawne to soe fewe a number, wch divers times hath bene promised to be renued, but yet is not; and therefore my will and minde is that, if the said feoffm^t be not renued w^thin fowre monethes next after my decease, then all my said legacies heretofore or hereafter in these p̃sents given and bequeathed to the said feoffees shalbe vtterly void, frustrate, and of none effect. And then I give and bequeath all the said legacies wch I have bequeathed vnto the said ffeoffees vnto my executo^rs of this my last will and testam^t, and they to p̃forme all such guifts and bequests as my said feoffees shold haue done if they had enioyed my said legacies (anie matter or thinge herein contained to the contrary thereof in any wise notw^thstandinge). And whereas I haue bene, am, and ever shalbee, a feeleing member and most sensible above others of the great losse and calamity wch of late yeres hapened to mee and many others by the miserable misfortune of fire within the said towne of Bury, I doe hereby, for a p̃petuall memoriall and a caveat to bee for ever hereafter kept thereof, I doe giue and bequeath vnto such p̃sons as shalbe newly elected as aforesaid ffeoffees of the towne lands of Bury aforesaid fforty pounds of lawfull English money, for and towards the charge of erectinge and making of a conduilt or cisterne to receiue water, to be brought vnto it; and the same conduit to be sett in some convenient place in the markett place in Bury aforesaid, for the better supply of water, to be vsed when any casualty of fire shall happen within the said towne, and other necessary vses, as shalbe

thought fitt and convenient. And I will that twenty pounds of the said forty pounds shalbe paid to the said ffeoffees when they shall really begin the said worke, and thother twentie pounds of the said forty pounds to be paid vnto the said feoffees when the said worke shalbe finished and brought to perfecc̃on (soe as the said worke be reallye taken in hand and finished within seaven yeres next after my decease). Item I giue and bequeath vnto my daughter Joice, the wife of Vallentine Elsden thelder, all my houshold stuff and goods wch I haue at mine inne and taverne called the Grayhound, wherein the said Vallentine now dwelleth, in Bury aforesaid. And I doe alsoe giue her my licence to drawe wine in the said inne or taverne, and my great Bible, to haue and to hold all the said houshold stuff, goods, licence, and bible, for terme of her naturall life. And after her decease I give all those things vnto her twoe daughters Frances and Mary, my grandchildren, to bee equally divided between them, part and pt like. Item I giue and bequeath vnto the said Vallentine Elsden, my sonne-in-lawe, my best gowne, and my best cloake. Item I give vnto my sonne-in-law Mr. Jeremy Browning my second best gowne, my second best cloake, and my inlaid playeing tables. Item I giue and bequeath vnto Valentine Elsden my grandchilde my licence for drawing of wines at the towne of Mildenhall, in the county of Suff. aforesaid. Item I giue and bequeath vnto my grandchilde Dorcas Browninge all my houshold stuff and goods that I haue at my twoe houses, the one called the Golden Bushell, and the other called the Beare, in Bury aforesaid. Item, whereas I, the said Francis Pynner, by my deed of feoffm^t^ haue infeoffed and confirmed vnto the said Dorcas Browninge, and to the heires of her body lawfully to be begotten, and for want of such issue vnto Rebecca Browninge her sister, and to the heires of her bodie lawfully to be begotten, all that my said messuage or tenem^t^ called the Golden Bushell, wth all and eu̯y the houses, edifices, buildinges, barnes, stables, orchards, gardens, waies, watercourses, easem^ts^, ewse-dreepes, and appurtenances, vnder such

mann^{9}, forme, and proviso as in the said deed of feoffm^{t} is expressed (as by the said deed of ffeoffm^{t} more at large it may and doth appeare). And also that I, the said Francis Pynner, by my deed of ffeoffm^{t} have infeoffed and confirmed vnto the said Joyce Elsden my daughter, for terme of her naturall life, and after her decease to Mary and Fraunces Elsden (twoe of the daughters of the said Joyce), and to their heires for ever, all that my said inne and taverne called the Greyhound, wth all the houses, stables, yards, and easem^{ts} to the same belonging, wth all and eu^{9}y of their appurteñce, vnder such mann^{9} and forme as in the said deed of ffeoffm^{t} is menc̃oned (as by the said deed of ffeoffm^{t} is menc̃oned). And also whereas the said Jeremy Browninge, my sonne in lawe and father vnto the said Dorcas, hath of late devulged and given forth that the said messuage and p̃misses called ye Greyhound was p̃mised and agreed to be assured and conveyed in advancem^{t} of marriage with Cicely my daughter vnto the said Jeremy and Cicely, and their heires, wch promise (if any such was made) was vpon condic̃on that the said Jeremy shold also in his life time haue likewise p̃formed and done divers other acts for the better advancem^{t} of the saide Cicely my said daughter in marriage wth the said Jeremy (wch were neu^{9} p̃formed), and therefore, for the finall endinge of all differences, controu̅sies, and suites that may be raised thereby vpon the said p̃tended promise and agreem^{t}, and that all p̃ties maie haue and peaceably enioye their seu̅all estates according to my true intent and meaninge herein expressed in this my last will and testament, I doe hereby will, devise, and declare that if the said Jeremy Browninge, his heires, or assignes, shall at any time after my decease make any title, claime, or challenge any interest of, in, or to the said inne or taverne called the Grayhound, conveyed as aforesaid to the said Joice my daughter and her twoe daughters as aforesaid, by colour of any p̃tended promise or agreem^{t} as abovesaid, whereby both shee the said Joice and her said twoe daughters shalbe molested or troubled by suites or otherwise, and shall not peaceably and quietlie haue,

hold, and enioye the same according to their seu^{r}all estates in the said deed exp^{r}ssed, and according to my true intent and meaning herein declared; and alsoe if the said Jeremy Browninge, his heires, or assignes, shall at anie time after my death molest or trouble or cause to be molested or troubled the executo^{rs} of this my said last will and testam^{t} for any goodes, chattells, or any other implem^{ts} of houshold, whereof I or my assignes are lawfully possessed or interessed therein at or before the time of my death, that then the saide guift and devise of the said messuage and p^{r}misses called the Golden Bushell, by my said deed heretofore granted and confirmed to the said Dorcas Browninge, shalbe vtterlie voide and of none effect (the said deed and feoffm^{t} or any matter or thing therein contained to the contrary thereof in any wise notwthstandinge); and that then my will and minde is that that the said Joice my daughter and the said Mary and Frances her twoe daughters shall haue, hold, and enioy the same in lieue of the said inne and taverne and p^{r}misses called the Greyhound, to them and their heires, in such manner and forme and vnder such estates as are limitted by the said deed concerninge the said inne, taverne, and p^{r}misses called the Greyhound, as aforesaid. Item I giue and bequeath vnto my great-grandchilde Francis Goodrich my stone pott (wch was my father's) footed and tipt, and co^{r}ued wth silver wth letters for my father's name graven vpon the cover. Item I give and bequeath unto e^{r}ry of the seu^{r}all p^{r}sons herevndernamed these seu^{r}all legacies herevnder men^{c}oned (that is to saye): to Mr. Edmund Merchant, late of London, ffiue pounds (if he be in England at the time of my decease); to Thomas Goodale ffowre pounds; to Jeremy Goodale foure pounds; to my goddaughter Frances, the daughter of Charles Shawe, foure pounds; to eu^{r}y one of the children of Willm Fincke (wch he had by his first wife) ffoure nobles a peice, to be paid vnto them at their seu^{r}all ages of fowre and twenty yeres; to every one that shalbe my houshold servant at the time of my death, twenty shillings a peice, and eu^{r}ry of them a paire of gloves. Item I

desire Mr. Edmund Callamy that he wilbe pleased to preach at my fun^{9}all; and I doe giue him for his paines to be taken therein thirty shillinges and a paire of black gloves of the best sort. Item I will that my said daughter Joice and her twoe daughters, Frances and Mary Elsden, and my two grandchildrene Dorcas and Rebecca Browninge, shall eu^{9}y one of them haue a mourning tire on their heads, such as gentlewomen weare at the time of ffuneralls. Item I will that ffiue pounds shalbe distributed amongst the poore people of the ꝑish of St. Maries aforesaid (whereof ffortie shillinges to be distributed amongst the poore people in the Colledge Street, and the other three pounds to the rest of the poore people wthin the said ꝑish); and ffiftie shillings more I giue and bequeath vnto the poore people of the ꝑish of St. James in Bury aforesaid; and all the said sūmes to be paid and distributed to the said poore either at the tyme of my ffunerall or wthin seaven daies then next followinge, by the churchwardens and ou^{9}seers of the said seu^{9}all ꝑishes. Item I doe giue and bequeath vnto the said Robert Gooderich all the debt and money that is oweing and comeing to mee by and from Martha Gooderich (being by her owne acknowledgem^{t} twenty pounds, but in trueth eight and twenty pounds) if hee the said Roƀt Gooderich, his executo^{rs}, adm̃strat^{rs}, or assignes will beare the charges of suite for the recou^{9}y of the said money. Item I giue and bequeath vnto my said grandchilde Valentine Elsden and to his heires and assignes for ever all those my landes, containing by estimac̃on ffourtene acres, being freehold, lyeing and being in the feilds of Bury aforesaid and Westly in the said county of Suff., wch I purchased to mee and mine heires of Francis Remes gent. and Elizabeth his wife. Item I giue and bequeath vnto the said Francis Potter boeth those my twoe copihold meadowes late in the tenure or occupac̃on of one John Butler or his assignes, and lyeing and being in the Taiffen, Bury aforesaid, dureing the terme of his naturall life; and after the decease of the said Francis Potter, the same to bee and remaine vnto my said grandchilde Valentine

Elsden and to his heires and assignes for ever. Item I doe give and bequeath all the rest, residue, and overplus of all my goods, chattells, and ꝑsonall estate whatsoeu^{9}, not given in this my last will and testam^{t} (the guifts, legacies, and bequests in this my said last will and testam^{t} paid and ꝑformed, and all charges and expences that the executo^{rs} of this my said last will and testam^{t} shall laye out or be putt vnto concerning their said executorship being allowed and deducted), I doe give and bequeath the said overplus vnto the said Joice my daughter, and to my said twoe grandchildren Dorcas and Rebecca Browninge, and to my said great-grandchild Francis Gooderich, to be equally diuided betwene them by three or foure sufficient and indifferent men, by the discrec̃on of mine executo^{rs} and supvisors of this my last will and testam^{t}, or the greater part of them for the time then beeing to be elected and chosen. And for the better ꝑformance of this my said last will and testam^{t}, I will that my executo^{rs}, when it shall seeme best vnto themselves, or the suruivo^{r} or survivo^{rs} of them, sell, convey, and assure, or cause to be sold, conveyed, and assured, all those landes, containing by estimac̃on eleaven acres and an halfe of land, being the same more or lesse, lyeing and being in the feilds of Bury St. Edmund aforesaid, and Westly in the county aforesaid, wch I latelie purchased of one Thomas Godfrey, to anie ꝑson or ꝑsons, and to his and their heires and assignes, for the best price that they or any of them can gett for the said lands; and the moneyes comeing and ariseing of and vpon the sale of the said landes to be imployed for and towards the ꝑformance of this my said last will and testam^{t}. And I do make and constitute the said Joice my daughter, Robert Gooderich, and Dorcas Browninge, executo^{rs} of this my last will and testam^{t}. And I doe giue to eu^{9}y of them for their paines to be taken in the true execuc̃on thereof, ffiue nobles a peice, and a paire of gloves. Item I desire Mr. Elliott, Minister of the ꝑish of St. James in Bury, and my loving freind Mr. Thomas Lincolne of Thetford, to be supviso^{rs} of this my last will and testam^{t}; and I doe giue to

either of them for their paines to be taken in assistinge of mine executo^{rs} twentie (*sic*), and to each of them a paire of gloves. In witnes whereof I, the said Francis Pynner, have vnto every sheete of this my said last will and testam^{t}, being tenn in number, sett my hand, and haue sett my seale to the topp thereof being afiled together, the third day of May, in ye yere first abouewritten, Fra. Pinner. Sealed and published and declared by the saide Francis Pynner to bee his last will and testam^{t} in the p̄sence of John Hyne, George Booty, Timothy Atkinson, and Robt Walker.

Probat. 31 Aug. 1639.

[Lib. Muriel, f. 61 ^{b}.]

William Mordeboice, of Hepworth, blacksmith.—1644.

In the name of God Amen, I, William Mordeboice, of Hepworth, in the countie of Suff. blacksmyth, being in perfect health and memorie, for the which I doe give to God Almightie most humble and heartie thankes, doe make and ordaine this my last will and testament, sundry good occasions me therevnto moveinge. First and before all thinges, I doe give and bequeath my soule into the hands of Almighty God my creator, and am stedfastly perswaded that my sinnes shall be remitted, and my soule shall be saued through Jesus Christe my redeemer. And as for my worldly goods, I doe give and bequeath as followeth. Item I doe give and bequeath to Mary my daughter that my bedd whereon I doe vsually lye on compleat as it stands, as namely, the bedstead, canopie, the curtins of colour blue, the feather bed, the flock bedd or wooll bedd, the bolster of feathers, and the bolster of flockes or wooll, therevnto belonging, the cou^{p}lett and blanketts, and one pillowe of feathers. Item I doe give vnto Mary my daughter, one paire of pillow beers, two paire of sheets, one payre finer then an other. Item I doe give vnto Mary my daughter, halfe a dozen of table napkins, three of them damaske, and three other tare of the best sort, and one table cloath which my wife shall thinke fittinge

to give to her. Item I doe give to Mary my daughter, the truncke which was her mothers, and what else my wife shall thinke fitt to bestowe vpon her. Item I doe give and bequeath vnto Rose my daughter, my Byble, my beareing cloath such . . . . . linnen as is belonginge to infants at their tyme of baptisme. Item I doe give to Rose my daughter, a silver whissell wth the currell and chaine of silver. Item I doe give and bequeath vnto Alice my wife, my casting sheet, as alsoe all other my moveable goods and chattells whatsoever I haue or hereafter shall enioy. Item I doe give with my owne hands vnto Alice my wife, my castinge sheet, and I doe alsoe give with my owne hands vnto Rose my daughter, my silver whisle with the chayne and currell, which two thinges I doe give to them, that is to say, to my wife and my daughter Rose, in ꝑte of all the other my goods, which I haue by this my will given to them, and in the ꝑsence of Mr. Abbott, minister of God's word, and alsoe in the ꝑsence of William Brundish, yeom̃, both of Hepworth, and in the county of Suff.; to the intent that my said wife Alice shall quietly enioy all such my goods as by this my will I haue given to her dureing her ñrall life; and after her decease my will and mynd is, that then my daughter Rose haue and enioy all those my goods and chattells, which before I haue given to Alice my wife, to her and to her heires for ever. In wittnes whereof I haue herevnto sett to my hand and seale. Item I doe make and ordaine Alice my wife the only executrix of this my will and testament, to see my will ꝑformed, my debts discharged, and my body decently brought to Xp̃ian buriall. Written with my own hand the 28th of January, Anno Regni Caroli nostri the xixth annoq^{3} dñi 1644; by me William Mordeboice. Tho. Abbott, cleř., William Bundishe.

Prob. 4 Julij, 1648. [Lib. Ashton, pars I. f. 55 ^{b}.]

Thomas Wright, of Hartest, gent.—1646.

Bone Jesu pone passionem crucem et mortem tuā inter Iuditiū tuū et animā meā nunc et in hora mortis mee.

In the name of God Amen, the two and twentieth day of March, anno dñi 1646, and in the two and twentieth yeare of the reigne of our most gratious sou^{r}aigne Lord Charles, by the grace of God, now King of England, &c. I, Thomas Wright, of Hartest, in the countie of Suff. gent. doe make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and forme hereafter followinge, humbly, joyfully, and willingly yeildinge my soule into the hands of Almightie God my maker, and my body I comitt to the earth whereof it was framed, knowing it must returne to its first principles soe to continue vntill the generall awakeninge day, when by the mightie power of my God I hope to reassume the same my body, which being then vnited to my soule againe, through the vnspeakeable mercie of my Lord and alone Sauio^{r} Jesus Christe, shall I trust inheritt everlastinge blessednes in the kingdome of Heaven, not for any meritts of myne (for I acknowledge myselfe the worste of all men), but for the most glorious meritts, bitter death and passion of my most gracious and mercifull Sauio^{r} and Redeemer Jesus Christe, to whom be all glory and praise for ever. Amen. Imprimis. Whereas I stand seised in fee simple of and in a mesuage or tenem^{t} called Penns, or otherwise, wth certaine lands and pastures freehold, lyeinge next or nere therevnto, together with the waies thereto adjoineinge, vpon which sayd wayes two cottages for the habitacon of two poore widdowes are newly by me erected and builded, scituate, lyeinge, and beinge in Hartest aforesaid, abbuttinge at the one end vpon the tenem^{t} and orchards of Tempest Dickerson, and at the other end vpon the freehold tenem^{t} of Andrew Byat, gent. called of auncient time Smithes, and doe conteyne together by estimacon three acres, be there more or less, I doe give devise and bequeath all and singuler the sayd p̃misses, and all other my freehold lands and tenements in Hartest aforesaid, wth their apptñncs (exceptinge the sayd two cottages) vnto Mary my wife, for terme of her life, (if she shall soe long keepe her selfe sole and vnmarried,) remainder thereof from and yñediately after her decease or marriage, which of them shall first happen, vnto Thomas

Browne my grandsonne, and the heires of his body begotten, and for default of such heires, then to my righte heires for ever. Item I give and bequeath to my sayd wife, in such manner and sort as is before menc̃oned, three closes or peeces of land and pasture, conteyninge by estimac̃on four acres more or less, with their appt̃nnc̃s, being copihold, lyeinge together in Hartest aforesaid, adjoininge to the land of the sayd tenement Penns; the one whereof I purchased of Henry Smyth, another of Tempest Dickerson, and the third which abbutteth vpon the rectory of Hartest, of William Lowe; remainder of the same copihold p̃mises after my sayd wifes decease or marriage, which shall first happen, vnto the sayd Thomas Browne my grandsonne, and the heires of his body begotten, and for default of such yssue then to my righte heires. Item I give and bequeath to Mary my now wifes daughter, after the death or marriage of my said wife, all those coppihold lands and tenem^ts^ which I had or purchased of Henry Griggs, and Susan his wife, sometimes Martins, scituate, lyeing, and being in Hartest aforesaid, and conteyninge together by estimac̃on seaven acres, with their and every of their appt̃nnc̃s, now in my owne occupac̃on, to haue and to hold the same vnto the sayd Mary, the daughter, and the heires of her body begotten; and for want of such yssue I will the same shall remayne vnto Thomas Browne aforesaid, the sonne of Mary my daughter by my first wife, and to the heires of his body begotten, and for default of such yssue then to my right heires for ever. Item I give and bequeath vnto the said Mary my wife for terme of her life, if she shall soe longe keepe her selfe sole and vnmarried, two closes or peeces of copyhold land and pasture, conteyninge by estimac̃on five acres, with thappt̃nnc̃s, lyeing together in Hartest aforesaid, late p̃cell of Millfields, and now in th'occupac̃on of John Herrington or of his assignee or assignes, together with the way thereto belonginge; and from and ymediately after the death or marriage of my sayd wife, I give and bequeath the same two closes or peeces, with the sayd way and appt̃nnc̃s, vnto her sayd daughter Mary, and the heires

of her body begotten, and for default of such yssue then to my righte heires for ever. Item I give and bequeath vnto Mary my daughter, the wife of Francis Browne, all my lands and tenemts whatsoeuer, scituate, lyeing, and being in Brockly, in the sayd county of Suff. with their and every of their apptñncs, to haue and to hold the same vnto the said Mary my daughter, for and dureinge the terme of her ñrall life; remainder theireof after her decease vnto the sayd Thomas Browne my grandsonne, and the heires of his body begotten, and for default of such yssue then to my right heires for ever.

Item I will, devise, and bequeath those two cottages aboue menc̃oned to be excepted, with the yards thereto belonginge, vnto James Sparke my cosin, Rob̃t Cronshaye the sonne of Robert Cronshaye of Hartest aforesaid yeoman, William Coppinge sonne of Edmund Coppinge of Hartest aforesaid yeoman, Philip Hamond the sonne of my sonne in lawe Philip Hamond, Richard Cronshaye the sonne of Richard Cronshaye of Hartest aforesaid yeoman, Ralph Twids the younger of Hartest aforesaid my cosin, and to the aforesaid Thomas Browne my grandsonne, their heires and assignes for ever, vpon condic̃on and to the intents and purposes hereafter menc̃oned and declared, (vizt.) for the benefitt and habitac̃on of two poore widowes of the towne of Hartest aforesaid, for soe longe time as the world shall endure; the same widowes nor any of them, at the time of their placeing there, not to be such as are or haue bene a charge or chargeable to the said pish of Hartest. Touching the placeinge of which sayd widowes, I will that the instructions, articles, and rules, in this my last will and testament expressed, be duely and justly from time to time and for ever observed, vizt.

1. That the same widdowes and every of them shall constantly repaire to the church of Hartest aforesaid, at the times of all publique exercises of religion, and shall there behaue themselves orderly from the beginninge of such exercises vntill the end

thereof, without any excuse whatsoever to be admitted, saueing only sicknesse or decrepite age.

2. That the same widowes and every of them shall receive the Eucharist twice at least in every yeare, (vizt.) once at or aboute the time of Easter, and once at or about the feast day of the birth of our Lord and Sauio^{r} Christe, if the same be soe often administered.

3. That none of these widowes there to be placed shall be vnder the age of ffifty yeares at the time of such their placeinge there; and if they or any of them doe marry, then their place to be voyd, and such to be forthwith remoued and displaced.

4. That noe such widowe shall maintaine, keepe, or suffer any of her children, or any other person or persons whatsoeuer, to be resident, abide, or be sheltered there, saueing that it shall be lawfull for euery suche widowe to haue with her one of her owne daughters, being vnder the age of sixteene yeares and not aboue (yf she shall haue any such daughter), but if such daughter shall once haue atteyned to the age of sixteene yeares, then shall such daughter be remoued from her vtterly; but in case of sicknes or other extreme necessitie eu^{ry} such widowe may haue one to helpe her dureing that time.

5. That eu^{ry} such widowe there to inhabite, shall be of good life, fame, and conu̅sac̃on, and shall live peaceably and quietly wth [out] quarrelling or clamo^{r}.

6. That noe such widowe nor any other person for them or any of them, or by their or any of their appointment, shall cutt, croppe, fell, haue, or take any wood, vnderwood, trees, or bushes, which are or shall be growinge at any time hereafter in or vpon the way or lane wherein the sayd almes house is erected, vpon payne of removeall from thence vtterly vppon the first offence.

And if any such widow or widowes shall offend in any of thaforesaid first five rules or articles herein men̅oned, then they and eu^{ry} of them soe offendinge, after one admoni̅con, shallbe forthwith displaced and put out of the sayd almes house by the

feoffees or trustees thereof for the time being, and never afterwards to be restored againe.

Item I will that the widow Walker, and the widow White, whom I haue placed in the said house, shall continue therein dureing their lives, they and either of them obserueing the instructions, articles, and rules before menc̃oned. Neu^{r}thelesse my will and desire is, that if any of myne, or either of my two wiues linage or kindred, hereafter inhabiting in the said ꝑish of Hartest, and being widowes or single women of the age of thirtie years or more, shall be in want and povertie, that then they or any of them shall from time to time be ^{r}ferred to the said house and place before any other, yet subject to the rules, instructions, and articles before menc̃oned; and to the end that the aforemenc̃oned condic̃on, intents, and purposes, may forever hereafter be the better ꝑformed and fullfilled, my will and desire is that whensoever the aforenamed James Sparke, Robert Cronshaye, William Coppinge, Phillip Hamond, Richard Cronshaye, Ralph Twid, Thomas Browne, feoffees before appointed, shall happen to depart this life to the number of three or two of them, that then those three or two which shall survive shall speedily infeoffe and assure to five, six, or seaven of the chiefe inhabitants of the said towne of Hartest, and their heires, or to the sonnes of such inhabitants and their heires, the sayd two cottages, with the yards and apꝑtin̄c̃ therevnto belonging, of a good and perfect estate in fee simple, according to the condic̃on and intenc̃on aforesaid, and in such manner and sort as is before menc̃oned; and that such feoffment and assurances shall from time to time, soe longe as the world continue, be renewed by the feoffees of the sayd two cottages, when and soe often as the feoffees thereof shall dye, and not aboue two or three of them be left alive, or oftner if occasion shall serue, according to the purport, true intent, and meaninge of this my last will and testament, and in such sort as is here in before menc̃oned. And further I will and devise that the same tenem^{t} Penns, with the lands thereto adioyninge, be absolutely and fully charged wth the

paym^t^ of ten shillings p annum, soe long as the world shall endure, for and towards the repac̃ons of the aforesaid two cottages or almeshouse, the same ten shillings p annum I will to be payed halfe yearely by even porc̃ons into the hands of the feoffees of the sayd two cottages for the time being, or the major p̃te of them; and what shall remaine thereof over and aboue repac̃ons made, such surplus to be distributed betwene the poore widowes inhabiting and to be inhabiting in the said cottages from time to time equally by the feoffees thereof.

Item I give and bequeath vnto Richard Gardner, my cosin and clerke, all my wearinge apparell, and all my bookes, papers, and pehments vnsealed, excepting such English bookes as Mary my wife, and Mary Browne my daughter, shall make choyee of for their seu̅all vses, which said English bookes I will they shall haue, and excepting six of my best bookes in folio, whieh I give to the sayd Thomas Browne, and alsoe my dietionary in quarto. Item I give and bequeath vnto Mary my wife the vse of all my houshold stuffe, bedds, bedding, and of all my ymplements and vtensells of houshold stuffe and husbandry, for and dureinge the terme of her life, (if she shall soe long keepe her selfe sole and vnmarried,) and after the death or marriage of my said wife, whieh of them first happen, then I give and bequeath the same vnto Mary my daughter. Provided that if the sayd Mary shall depart this life without yssue of her bodie begotten, and before she shall haue accomplished her age of one and twenty yeares, then I give and bequeath all my aforesaid houshold stuffe, bedds, bedding, implements, and vtensills of houshold and husbandry, vnto the sayd Mary my wife. Item I give vnto Frances Browne, my grandchilde, fifty pounds, to be payd into her father's hands soone after my deeease, and to be improued by him for her vse, and to be payd to her at her age of sixteene years by her said father. Item I doe nominate and appoint the sayd Richard Gardner my cosin sole executo^r^ of this my last will and testament, and I doe give him for his paines to be taken therein ten pounds, over and aboue

all his charges and expences. Item I give to my cosin Elizabeth Whittacre, fortie shillings. Item I give to the poore people of Hartest, twenty shillings; to the poore people of Boxted, ten shillings; to the poore people of Glemsford, fortie shillings; to the poore people of Stansted, twenty shillings; and to the poore people of Somerton, ten shillings. Item I give and bequeath to my sonne in lawe William Griggs, five pounds; to my sonne in lawe Philip Hamond, ten shillings; to my sonne in lawe Henry Griggs, ten shillings; to my sonne in law John Griggs, ten shillings, to be payed to them and every of them within six moneths next after my decease. Item I give to my cosin James Sparke a peece of gold of twenty shillings. Item I give to every of my aunt Gardner's children, to euy of my aunt Manning's children (except Elizabeth), to every of my aunt Raye's children, and to every of my aunt Holditch children, five shillings a peece; and to Elizabeth the wife of Richard Albone, twenty shillinges. The residue of all my goods, chattells, and psonall estate, I give and bequeath vnto the sayd Mary my wife, for and towards the payment of the fines for her and her daughters admittance to the copihold lands and tenements to them by me herein devised and bequeathed, and for the increase of her said daughtrs porcon, saveing onely my ring of gold, and my seale of silver wch I give to my grandsonne Thomas Browne, together with my best sword; provided allwayes that if my sayd wife shall happen to marry againe, then I will that she shall not be guardian to her said daughter Mary, neither shall haue the vse of any of the goods, stuffe of houshold, chattells, psonall estate, or thinges by me herein given to her, but then and in that case I will my said executor shall be her guardian vntill her age of one and twentie yeares, and shall then deliuy the sayd houshold stuffe and goods, chattells, and thinges to the said Mary; and further I will that my executor in that case shall haue and take the whole rents, yssues, and profitts of the same lands and tenemts devised to my said wife, from and ymediately after my said wiues entmariage for the edu-

cac̃on and benefitt of the said Mary her and my daughter, and he to be guardian vntill her age aforesaid, and then to be answerable to her for the rents and ꝑfits thereof, deducting for her educac̃on and maintenance. Item I give and bequeath vnto Joane Plampin my goddaughter, ten shillings; to Henry Hible thelder, of Brockley, and to George Hible of Speeds in Hartest, to either of them fortie shillings a pece. In wittnes whereof to this my last will and testament, conteyned in five sheets of paper, I the said Thomas Wright haue subscribed and sealed, the day and yeare first aboue written. Fiat voluntas tua Iħu. Ĩtm I give vnto John Wiseman, of whom I p^r^chased Googins laye, if he be leveing at the time of my death, twentie shillings. Tho. Wright. Sealed, published, and declared in the ꝑsence of Phillip Hamond, William Hible, Benjamin Roydon.

Item I give and bequeath vnto my cosin William Copin, sometimes of Hartest aforesaid, yeoman, five pounds; and to Benjamin Royden of Hartest aforesaid, ten shillings. Item my will and meaning is that my executo^r^ shall haue, take, and receive the rents, yssues, and ꝑfitts that shall be due for my lands in Brockley at the feast of St Michaell tharchangell now next cominge and fourteene dayes after, for and towards the performance of this my last will and testament. In wittnes whereof I the sayd Thomas Wright haue added this codicill to this my last will and testament, and haue herevnto sett my hand and seale the eight day of September, in the three and twentieth yeare of the raigne of our said sou⁹aigne Lord King Charles, annoqȝ dn̄i 1647, Tho. Wright. These whose names are subscribed being witnesses, Phillip Hamond, James Sparke.

Probat. 12 Julij, 1648.

[Lib. Ashton, pars I. f. 57 b.]

James Bacon, of Burgate, clerk.—1647.

In the name of God Amen. Whereas it is most true, especially

to every true christian, that the day of death is better then ones birth, euꝰy christian therefore hath as familierly of the day of his death as any one vseth to doe on the day of his birth, and as willingly to ꝑpare in a readiness against the time of his departure out of this world as our parents doe willingly provide all thinges needfull against the time of our comeing into this world, for by our nativitie we doe but descend into a valley of teares and misery, and by death euery faithfull christian ascends into a mounteyne of tranquilitie and rest, soe that his death is not soe properly termed a death as a gate and enterance into life, or as it were the suburbs of heaven and happinesse. Now, whereas this life is nothing else but a jorney vnto death and the graue, and such a journey where a man is continually goeing on without intermission day and night, even when he thinkes not of it, and yet a man knoweth nothinge lesse then when he shall come to the end of this jorney, the day of death being as vnctaine as death it selfe is certaine. It is the dutie therefore of eũie christian soe to ꝑmeditate of that day, and soe to dispose of his earthly affaires, that he may be allwayes in a readinesse when soeuꝰ the Lord of life and death shall call for him, soe that although his death may be suddaine yet it may not come vnexpected vnto him, nor fynd him vnꝑpared for it. Wherefore that I might be the better ꝑpared for that day of my death wherein I hope to see lyfe, I, James Bacon, of Burgate, in the countie of Suff. clarke, being in my wonted health and enjoying (through God's mercie) the vse of my vnderstanding and memory, doe make this my last will and testament; and before I vndertake to dispose of any thinge, I doe acknowledge my selfe with all that belonges vnto me to be altogether in the hand and power and at the disposing of my God, whoe is the onely supreme and vpper Lord of all; and therefore cravinge leaue of him whose secrett ꝓvidence overruleth all, and submitting to his good will (whose will is the rule of all goodnesse), my will and desire is as followeth, vizt. First, I commend my spirit into the hands of Christe Jesus my Lord and Sauiorꝛ, who being the second person in the Holy Trinitie, the

eternall and ñrall sonne of God, assumed manhood vnto his godhead, that soe being true God and true man in one and the same ꝑson, he might bee a fitt mediatetor betweene God and man; into his hands I coñend my soule, because I confidently beleeue that he hath ꝑformed and accomplished whatsoeu̅ the justice of God required for the redempc̃on of man, and by his holynesse and inocensie, by his righteousnes and obedience, by his death and sufferings, I beleeue (Lord help my vnbeleife) that I shall attaine to that redempc̃on and salvac̃on of my soule and body, which he hath merited for me, for he was holy, innocent, and vndefiled, that I might be freed from that originall sinne wherein I was conceived and borne; he hath ꝑfectly fulfilled the lawe of God, and obeyed his will, that by his righteousnes imputed vnto me I might be made righteous; he hath subjected himselfe to vndergoe and indure that wrath of God, both in body and soule, which was due to my sinne, for he being just and innocent willingly offered himselfe to be app̃hended, that I, who was the offendor, might escape, he being bound, was publiquely arraigned and accused before the tribunall of an earthly judge, that I might not be accused before the throne of God in the p̃sence of his holy angells; he was condemned for those sinnes whereof I was guilty, that I might be acquitted and absolued; he was whipped, derided, and crusifyed, which were the contumely, curse, and punishment due to my sinnes, that soe by his ignominie I mighte attaine to eternall glory; by his derision of an affected earthly kingdome I might inherite a heavenly kingdome, and by his crosse be exalted to heaven and hapinesse; he hath by his death vanquished death for me, and taken away the curse that was therein, that my death [may be] amyable vnto me; he hath fastened Sathan and sinne vnto his crosse for me; yea he is risen againe and hath triumphed over all my spirituall enimies; for me he is ascended into heaven to p̃pare a place for me. Into the hands therefore of this my Redeemer I coñitt my soule, hopeing that by him it shall haue entrance into that eternall habitac̃on which he haue p̃pared for those who beleeue in

him. For my bodie, when death shall have made sepac̃on betweene my soule and that, my desire is that my executrix hereafter named would give it (if God p̃mitt) decent buriall, that soe it may rest in the grave as in a bedd perfumed by the buriall of my Sauio^{r} vntill the day of resurrecc̃on, for although my body be made deformed by death, yet I haue learned firmly to beleeue that at the last day, by the power of God and vertue of Christes Resurrecc̃on, it shalbe raysed out of the dust, a glorious body, when all the faithfull shall rise againe to eu^{9}lastinge life; and this faith which I haue ̃now testified, I hope the spirite of my Sauio^{r} (by whose assistance I will pray for it) will confirme in me and teach me more cleerely to vnderstand, and more vndoubtedly to apply to my selfe whatsoeu^{9} my Lord hathe done for me, vntill I shall attaine to the end of my faith, even the salvac̃on of my soule and body. And for those goods and possessions which God hath given me, together with a lib̃all vse of them, desireing the Lord to continue vnto me both them and the comfortable enjoying of them, (soe long and soe farre as may be for his glorie,) I doe acknowledge my selfe to be but a fiduciarie possessor of them vnder God, who is the most vpper Lord and possessor of all, and as I haue lib̃tie to take my owne p̃te and porc̃on of them, soe it is my dutie faithfully to dispose of the other part of them to such persons and vses as my Lord hath appointed; wherefore my desire is to distribute my substance and goods as neere as I can according to the will of him whose steward I am, and to whom I must give an accompt of the dispensac̃on of that which he hath com̃itted vnto me: First therefore, because I conceive that my great Lord and Master doth esteeme whatsoeu^{9} is rightly bestowed vpon his faithfull children as bestowed vpon himselfe, I give tenn pounds to be equally devided and distributed betweene ten such poore christians as are in want, and which by their lives doe testify themselues to be the true and faithfull children of God, from whom I haue received all, and in whose hands and power it is to translate all that he hath giuen me from me and mine to whomsoeu^{9} he pleaseth. My will

and desire is that John Symonds of Gislingham, in the countie of Suff. clarke, and Clement Raie of Watisfield, in the county aforesaid, clarke, shall assigne the said ten ꝑsons and distribute the said ten pounds. And whereas I haue vndertaken to pay the sum̃e of five hundred pounds of lawfull English money to Mr. Richard Tomes, marchant of London, for Nathaniell Bacon my sonne, who is now in France, and haue sold certaine lands lyeing and being in Sternfield, in the said countie of Suffolke, which were valued to be cleerely worth twentie and five pounds ꝑ annũ, vnto the said Richard Tomes, for foure hundred pounds, ꝑcell of the said sum̃e of five hundred pounds, and haue paid to the sayd Richard Tomes the other hundred pounds, residue of the said five hundred pounds; therefore as conc̃ning the disposic̃on of such lands, tenem^{ts}, and hereditaments as it hath pleased God to blesse me with, I give and devise the same in manner and forme following: that is to say, Impr̃is, whereas I haue assured vnto Martha my wife, for terme of her ñrall life, all that my manno^{r} of Pirleys, and diverse lands, tenem^{ts}, and hereditam^{ts}, in Sternfield, in the countie aforesaid, that after the decease of the said Martha my wife I give and devise my said manno^{r} of Pirleys, and alsoe all the said lands, tenem^{ts}, and hereditam^{ts}, soe as aforesaid assured vnto the said Martha my wife for her life, unto the said Nathaniell Bacon my sonne, and to Elizabeth, Martha, and Anne my daughters, and to their heires for eu^{r}, equally to be devided amongst them; and if it shall happen that the said Nathaniell my sonne, or any of my said daughters, shall depte this life without issue of his or her body lawfully begotten, then I will and devise that the ꝑte of him or her soe dyeing shalbe equally devided amongst the rest of my sayd children which shalbe then liveing. Item I give and devise vnto Martha my daughter all those my lands and tenem^{ts} which I lately purchased of Anthony Baker, gent. scituate, lyeing, and being in Snape and Friston, in the countie of Suff. now in the occupac̃on of Robert Dymyngton, or his assignes, to haue and to hold the same, with all and singl^{r} their apptñnc̃, vnto the said

Martha my daughter, and to her heires for eu͛. Item I give and devise vnto Anne my daughter all that my meadowe comonly called Saxmondham meadowe, als Sedgfen, or by any other name or names whatsoeu͛, lyeing and beinge in Saxmondham, in the county aforesayd, conteyning by estimac̃on five acres and one roode, and alsoe one little meadowe therevnto adjoyning, conteyning by estimac̃on one acre, which twoe meadowes were lately in the occupac̃on of Nathaniell Bacon of Friston aforesaid, Esq. and are now in the occupac̃on of Anthony Flemynge, or his assignes, to haue and to hold the sayd two meadowes, with all and singuler their appt̃nnce, to the said Anne my daughter, and to her heires for eu͛. And if it shall happen that eyther of my said daughters Martha and Anne shall depte this life without yssue of her body lawfully begotten, then I give and devise the lands and tenem^ts which I haue before herein given and devised to my said daughter soe dyeing, vnto my other daughter survivinge, and to her heires for ever. Item I give and bequeath vnto the sayd Martha my wife all my readie money, jewells, and debts. Item I will and my mynd and desire is, that all my plate, and all my other goods, chattells, and howshold stuffe whatsoeu͛ shall after my decease be devided into two equall ptes, and then the one part thereof I give vnto the said Martha my wife, and the other pte thereof I give and bequeath vnto Martha and Anne my daughters, to be equally devided betweene them. Item I give and bequeath vnto Elizabeth my daughter, now the wife of Mr. Thomas Burrowes, my bookes of Mr. Perkins workes, beinge conteyned in three volumes. Item I give and bequeath vnto the poore people of the towne of Burgate aforesaid the sum̃e of six pounds of lawfull English money, to be distributed amongst them. Item I give and bequeath vnto the poore people of six seu͛all townes next adjoineing to the towne of Burgate aforesaid, the sum̃e of six pounds of lawfull English money, that is to say, to every one of the same six townes twentie shillings to be distributed amongst them. And now vpon the great trust and confidence which I haue and doe repose in the said Martha my wife, I

doe ordeine and make her, the said Martha my wife, my sole executrix of this my last will and testamt, acknowledging that I haue found fauour from the Lord, whoe in his ꝑvidence provide soe faithfull a companion, and soe fitt a helper for me, desireing her to be carefull to see this my will ꝑformed according to my true intent and meaninge before herein expressed and declared; and I doe hereby revoke all former wills by me made, and I doe publish and declare this to be my last will and testament, being conteyned and written in five sheets of paper, wherevnto I haue sett my seale, and to euꝝry sheete thereof subscribed my name, the foure and twentieth day of September, in the yeare of our Lord God one thousand six hundred forty and seaven; in the ꝑsence of those whose names are herevnder written. James Bacon. Robert Harris, Tho. Alexander.

Probat. 23 Jan. 1649.

[Lib. Ashton, pars I. f. 279.]

Jasper Despotin, of Bury, M.D.—1648.

The thirteenth day of December, Aº. Dñi 1648, I, Jasper Despotin, of Bury St. Edmunds, in the countie of Suff., Doctor of Phisicke, an alien borne, but divers yeares since by the king's favor made free denizen, being by the grace of God in sufficient health of body, and in full vnderstanding and memory, and of a disposeing and testamentary mind, considering the divers accidents that happen to men vnexpectedly taken out of this world, that they haue not time to dispose of theire affaires in theire life time, and alsoe that if I should dye without makeing and publishing my last will my estate shold goe otherwise then I intend it, doe make, publish, and declare this my last will and testament, thereby revokeing, countermanding, and anulling all formꝝ wills by me at any time heretofore made: First, I give and bequeath in the Holy Ghoste my soule to Christe, the creator and redeemer of it, and by him to God the Father, praying him which gaue his onely

begotten sonne that the world should not perish, but haue everlasting life by the onely meritts of his sonne; to grant me free remission of my many and grevious sinnes, and convert her and me to be a preist to singe eternally "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabboth." My body I leaue to the grave in faith and hope of the resurrecc̃on of the just in the same Christe Jesus, Amen. In the meane space to be buried in the night privately by the body of my daughter Isabell, if my executrices of this my will be able to obteyne it, otherwise as my said executrices shall appoint. And for my worldly estate I dispose therof as followeth: I give to the poore of Bury St. Edmund's tenne pounds sterling, to be payd within six dayes after my departure, and to be distributed at the discrec̃on of my executrices. And to the poor of Nedging, in the said countie of Suff., I give five pounds sterling, to be payd and distributed alsoe by my executrices within six dayes after my decease. Alsoe I give to my servants that at the time of my death shall be actuall in my service, and shall haue serued me the space of six moneths then last past, halfe a yeare's wages over and aboue what shalbe then due vnto them. And if they haue not then served me by the space of six moneths then last past, then I give to such of them as shall not haue serued me soe longe, soe much as theire wages shall then come too over and aboue theire wages which shall then be due. The said legacies to my servants to be payd within fifteene dayes after my decease. Alsoe I doe will and appoint ten rings of gold to be made of the value of twenty shillings a peece sterling, with a death's head vpon some of them, within one moneth after my depture, and to be disposed of amongst my friends as my executrices shall thinke meet. Yet soe soone as the surviving feoffees of my manno^{r} of Nedginge and theire wiues, that is to say, John Brand, of Edwardston, in the said countie of Suff. gent., and his wife, and John Bruninge, of Semer, in the said countie, clerke, and his wife, shall haue each of them one. Alsoe I give vnto Mr. Clegatt, Minister of St. Maries parish in Bury St. Edmunds, three

pounds sterling; and to Mr. Gibbon, Minister of the parish of St. Maries in the same towne, fortie shillings sterling, to buy him a ring for a memoriall of me; the sayd ministers legacies to be payd to them within a moneth or two after my decease: provided that if the said ministers, or either of them, shall remove from their said places, or shall not at the time of my death be in actuall possession and exercise thereof, then the legacie or legacies of him or them that shall not then be minister there to be voyd. Alsoe I give to Mr. William Bedle of Rattlesden, clerke, five pounds sterling, to be payd vnto him within one moneth after my decease. And whereas the said John Brand and John Bruninge, by virtue of a feoffment made to them and others since deceased, are lawfully seized to them and theire heires in fee simple, of and in all that the mannor of Nedging and the advousion, donation, and free disposiĉon of the church and rectory of Nedging aforesaid, and diverse mesuages, lands, tenem^ts, and hereditaments in Nedginge aforesaid in trust, neũthelesse in confidence, and to such intents and purposes as by the deed of feoffm^t thereof made are expressed and declared, or should at any time after, by any wryting by me signed and sealed in the p̃sence of foure credible wittnesses, or by my last will and testam^t in writeinge be expressed or declared. Now I doe hereby, in pursuance of my sayd power, and for further declaraĉon of the said trust, will, devise, and appoint, and doe desire the said John Brand and John Bruninge, my sayd feoffees, vpon reasonable request on that behalfe to be made soe soone after my death as conveniently maybe, to convey and assure vnto Susan Despotin, my welbeloued wife, and to Catherine Despotin and Anne Despotin, my onely daughters, and heire apparent, and theire heires, all that the said manno^r of Nedging, advousion, and all other the said messuages, lands, tenem^ts, and hereditaments in Nedging aforesaid, with all and singuler their appurtenances, to the vses, intents, and purposes, and vnder the provisoes, condiĉons, and limitaĉons in and by this my p̃sent last will and testament hereafter limited, declared, de-

vised, or appointed; that is to say, for and touching the demesnes of the said manno^{r} of Nedginge, and all other the sayd mesuages, lands, tenem^{ts}, and hereditaments in Nedging aforesaid, with thapp͗tñncꝑ, to the use of my sayd welbeloued wife, for and dureing the terme of her ñrall life. And from and after her decease, then for and touching all that the manno^{r} house, or man-c̃on house, or capitall mesuage in Nedging aforesayd, now or late in the occupac̃on of Stephen Chaplayn or his assignes, and all other the mesuages, lands, tenem^{ts}, and hereditaments in Nedging aforesaid, now or late alsoe in the occupac̃on of the said Stephen Chaplayn or his assignes, with the app͗tñncꝑ, to the vse of the said Catherine Despotin my daughter and her heires for eu͗; to the intent and purpose neu͗thelesse that it shall and maybe lawfull to and for the sayd Anne Despotin my daughter, and her heires, to haue, take, and receive out of the same one añuity or yearely rent of thirtie pounds per annū of lawfull money of England, payable at the two vsuall feasts of St. Michaell th'archangell and Th'annunciac̃on of the blessed Virgine Mary, by even and equall porc̃ons; the first payment thereof to beginne at such of the s^{d} feasts as shall next and imediately happen after the decease of my said wife, with power to distreine for the same in case it shall happen to be behind and vnpayd by the space of eight and twentie dayes next after any of the s^{d} feasts; with provisoe neu͗thelesse and condic̃on in the sayd conveyance to be conteyned, that in case the said Katherine Despotin, her heires or assignes, shall at any of the said feasts, or within one moneth after any of the said feasts, accompting eight and twentie dayes to the moneth, pay or cause to be payd to the sayd Anne Despotin, her heires or assignes, the full sum̃e of five hundred pounds of lawfull money of England, at or in the then manc̃on house or place of habitac̃on of the said Anne Despotin, that then and from thenceforth the sayd añuity or yearely rent of thirty pounds per añum shall cease and be determined. And for and conc͗ninge that mesuage or tenem^{t} in Nedging aforesayd, called or knowne by the name of

Smythlands, and all other mesuages, lands, tenem^{ts}, and hereditaments in Nedginge aforesayd, now or late in the occupacon of Robert Rose or his assignes, from and after the decease of the sayd Susan Despotin my wife, to the vse of the sayd Anne Despotin my daughter, and her heires foreu. And for and conc̃ninge the royallties, services, quitt-rents, courts, and perquisitts of the said manno^{r} of Nedginge, and the advousion of the church of Nedginge, to the vse of the sayd Catherine Despotin my daughter, her heires and assignes foreu, as shalbe reasonably devised or advised and required; and vntill such conveyance and assurance shall be made by my sayd feoffees as aforesayd, I doe hereby devise, limitt, and appoint the said manno^{r} of Nedginge, and aduousion, and all other the said mesuages, lands, tenem^{ts}, hereditam^{ts}, and p̃misses in Nedginge aforesayd, to my sayd wife and daughters respectively, for such estate and estates, and to such vse and vses, and to the intents and purposes, and vnder the provisoe and condic̃on hereby before limited and declared; and that the sayd John Brand and John Bruninge shall from and after my decease stand and be seised thereof in trust, for the vse of my said wife and daughters respectively for such estate and estates, and to such intents and purposes, and vnder such provisoe and condic̃on as aforesayd. Alsoe I give and devise vnto the said Susan Despotin my welbeloued wife, all and singuler my houses, lands, tenements, hereditaments, and appurtenances whatsoeu, freehold or leasehold, in Bury St. Edmunds aforesayd, to haue and to hold to her the said Susan dureinge soe longe time as she the said Susan shall live. And after her decease, I will and devise the same to the said Anne Despotin my daughter, her heires, executo^{rs}, and assignes respectively. Alsoe I give and devise vnto the sayd Anne Despotin my daughter, her heires and assignes, all and singuler my mesuages, houses, lands, tenem^{ts}, and hereditam^{ts} whatsoeu, freehold or copyhold, in Stanton, in the sayd countie of Suff., or in any other towne therevnto neare adjoyneinge, now or late in the occupacon of John Pennell, or his assignes. And whereas alsoe in or aboute the fifteenth yeare of the

reigne of our sou^{r}raigne king Charles, I did convey and assure vnto my said two daughters Catherine and Anne, and to Isabell theire sister, then liveing, and theire heires, divers lands, tenements, and hereditam^{ts} in Orfford, in the sayd countie of Suff., which I had in mortgage from William Sanhope, Esq. for seaven hundred pounds of lawfull money to him formerly lent, which moneys then were and still are vnpayd, and thereby the estate therein was and is become absolute. And alsoe one mannor and diverse lands, tenements, and hereditaments in the countie of Essex called or knowne by the name of Carbonells, which I alsoe had in mortgage from Sr Robert Crowe, knight and Baronett, for eight hundred pounds of like money, which sūme of eight hundred pounds being payd by the said Sr Robert Crowe, was afterwards put out vpon mortgage alsoe to Isaacke Appleton, Esq. and being payd by the said Isacke Appleton, hath since been put out to Stephen Soame, Esq. vpon securitie of a lease for yeares made by him the sayd Stephen Soame and Sr William Soame, knight, his father, of the mannor of Brockford, aīs Brockford Hall, and other lands, tenem^{ts}, and hereditam^{ts} in Brockford, in the sayd county of Suff., and other townes adjoyneing, for divers yeares therein yet to come and vnexpired. And whereas by the death of the sayd Isabell my daughter the estate and interest in the said mortgaged p̄mises in Orfford aforesayd is survived and come to the sayd Catherine and Anne my daughters, and the said eight hundred pounds alsoe payd in by the sayd Sr Robert Crane [*sic*], and now secured by mortgage from the said Sr William Soame and Stephen Soame, Esq. is of right belonging to my sayd daughters Catherine and Anne, howbeit my name is vsed on theire behalfe in the takeing of the said mortgage as securitie for the same. Now I doe hereby, for the further ratifying, confirmeing, and establishing the tytle of my said daughters Catherine and Anne to the sayd mortgaged premisses, and to the moneys therevpon respectively due, give, will, and devise to my said daughters Catherine and Anne as well the sayd mortgaged p̄misses in Orfford aforesayd, as alsoe the sayd p̄misses in Brockford aforesaid,

or in any other towne near adjoyneinge, wherein my name was vsed as aforesayd. And all the said seu^{9}all sūmes of seaven hundred pounds, and eight hundred pounds, thereby secured as aforesayd, wth the proceed thereof, to haue and to hold the same to them the sayd Catherine and Anne, their heires, executo^{rs}, and assignes respectively. And for further supply of ^{9}sent porc̃on and meanes of livelyhood for my sayd daughters, I doe alsoe hereby give and bequeath vnto my said daughters the sūme of five hundred pound sterling out of my personall estate, to make vp theire ^{9}sent porc̃ons a thousand pounds a peece or vpwards. Alsoe I give vnto my said daughters all and singuler my plate, jewells, bedding, linnen, brasse, pewter, houshold stuffe, vtensills, and implem^{ts} of house whatsoever (my bookes allwayes excepted), to be deliu^{9}ed and equally to be devided betweene my sayd daughters after the death of my sayd wife. In the meane time I will and appoint that my said wife shall haue the vse thereof. And of this my last will and testament I make, constitute, and ordaine the sayd Susan Despotin my welbeloued wife, and my sayd daughters Catherine and Anne Despotin, my executrices. Provided allwayes, and my will is, that the said Catherine and Anne my daughters shall, vpon reasonable request, joyne in any such assurance or conveyance as shall be reasonably devised or advised for settleing my manno^{r}, lands, tenements, and hereditaments, with thap^{9}tñnc̨ in Nedging aforesayd, and every parte thereof, to the vses, intents, and purposes aboue limited, and declared: or, in case either of them shall refuse and deny to doe such acts as shalbe reasonably required for settling the same and every p̨te thereof asaf oresayd, that then such of them soe refuseing shall haue noe benefitt by this my last will and testament, nor of any legacie thereby given. In wittnes whereof I haue herevnto sett my hand and seale, and published and declared this to be my last will and testament, the day and yeare first aboue written, and in the ^{9}sence of Tho. Fletcher, Abraham Wright, sen., Francis Godfrey, Roger Bridon. Jasper Despotin.

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William Fiske, of Pakenham, gent.—1648.

In the name of God, Amen. The twentieth day of March, in the yeare of our Lord God one thousand sixe hundred forty and eight, I, William Fiske, of Pakenham, in the countie of Suff. gent., being in good health and perfect memory, (I thanke God for it,) doe make this my last will and testament in manner and forme following, renownceing form̃ wills: First, I com̃end my soule into the hands of Almighty God, hopeing and praying that onely through the mercie and meritts of Jesus Christe my Redeemer, I may receive remission and p̈don of all my sinnes, and may be made p̈taker of eu̯lasting life and salvac̃on, and my body after death I com̃itt to the earth to be buried in decent manner at the costs and discrec̃on of my executo[r]s hereafter named. And as touching my temporall goods and possessions, which God haue blessed me withall, I dispose of them in manner and forme following: First, I give and bequeath vnto John Fiske, my eldest sonne, my manno[r] or capitall mesuage in Norton, called Hardings, together with my tenem[t] called Finches, wherein one William Syer now dwelleth, with all the lands, rents, and ap̈t̃nenc̃ to them belonging, lyeing and being in Norton aforesaid, and in the occupac̃on of one William Muskett, to him and his heires for ever. It̃m I give vnto the sayd John Fiske my sonne, one close of pasture, called Norton pasture, conteyning by estimac̃on therof ffortie acres, lyeing in Norton aforesaid, and holden by copie of Co[rt] Roll of the manno[r] of Norton Hall, to him and his heires foreu̯. It̃m I give vnto the said John my sonne, my mesuage or tenem[t] in Elmswell, called Marriotts, wherein one Robert Rose now dwelleth, with all the lands, and app[r]t̃nances thereto belonging, together with all other my lands in Elmswell aforesayd, to him the said John and his heires foreu̯. It̃m I give and bequeath vnto the same John my sonne, my tenement of mesuage in the towne of Sibton, in Suffolke, with the lands therto belong-

ing, now in the fearme and occupac̃on of one Symon Hayles, to him and his heires foreu^{9}; and he to enter all the lands before bequeathed to him p̃sently after my decease. Iẗm I give and bequeath vnto the said John my sonne, the reu^{9}c̃on of a tenem^{t} or capitall mesuage in Darsham, in the countie of Suff., with all the lands and appertenances to the sayd mesuage belonging, lyeing in Darsham, Bliborow, and Westleton, which I lately pchased of William Hart of the said towne of Darsham, gent., to him and his heires foreu^{9}. Iẗm I give and bequeath also vnto the said John Fiske my sonne, all that rent-charge of sixe pounds, thirteene shillings, and foure pence, by the yeare, issuing out of my said sonnes moitie of Coldhall, in Woolpett, in the countie of Suff. which I bought of Gardener Webbe, esq., to have and to hold to my said sonne John and to his heires foreu^{9}. Iẗm I give and bequeath unto Thomas my sonne, my tenem^{t}, or capitall mesuage in the towne of Wramlingham, in the county of Norff., with all my lands, both free and them which are holden by copie of Court Roll, lyeing in the said towne of Wramlingham, and which I pchased of Christopher Herne, gent., and is now in the occupac̃on of one John Lawrence, gent., together with all thapp^{r}tuñc̃e whatsoeu^{9}, to him the said Thomas and his heires foreu^{9}, and he to enter the same p̃sently after my decease, and to take and enioy the rent and profitts that shall arise out of the said lands from the feast of St. Michaell the archangell next before my decease. Iẗm I give and bequeath to Martha Bright, my eldest daughter, one hundred pounds of lawfull English money, to be payd vnto her by my executo^{r} hereafter named within three moneths after my decease; and, if shee shall thinke good, to be disposed of by her to the vse of Katharine her daughter, as she shall see cause or most convenient, my sonne-in-law, Mr. Henry Bright, makeing a true accompt and payment of such moneys as shall then be owinge to me or my executo^{r} by reason of money lent or otherwise. Iẗm I give vnto the aforenamed Thomas my sonne, a silver beeker, which I vse in my chamber. I give alsoe

vnto him my horse and horse armo^{r}, pistolls, and the other furniture belonging thereto for service and remaining at Pakenham. And alsoe one of the three musketts which are there, with the head peece, sword, and bandeleers. Iẗm I give alsoe vnto him a Geneva Byble, and eight volumes of my bookes in folio, namely, Mr. Perkyns, in three volumes, Purchas his Pilgrimes, in foure volumes, and Doct^{r} Willett's Sinopsis Papismi, in one volume, and alsoe Mr. Dent and Mr. Barnard theire Exposic̃ons on the Revelac̃ons; onely, vpon further thoughts, my mynd is that one of Mr. Perkins volumes standing belowe in the parlo^{r} shall remaine there still for the vse of the house, and instead thereof, I give him Gualther on the Acts. And I bequeath and leaue with my sonne John a Manuscript, or written booke in folio, which I desire he may not soe lend it to any man as to loose it or spoile it, but to keepe it as a monument of my readings, and may serue for private vse, as the first copie thereof may serve for vse to my sonne Thomas. And all the rest of my bookes which are in my studdie, together with my globe, mapps, boxes, and whatsoeu^{9} beside I haue in my studdie, I give vnto the said John Fiske my sonne, together with a great chest of elming borde, standing in the lower gallerie, for to putt therein the bookes, and alsoe a long box in the vpper gallery to put in the great mapp, being rolled vp. Iẗm all my linnen, bedding, and whatsoeu^{9} houshold stuffe beside, not before bequeathed, which I haue remaining at Pakenham, whereof I made an inventorie at my comeinge hither, and which may be found amonge other papers, I give vnto my sonne John Fiske and Martha Bright my eldest daughter, to be equally devided betwixt them. The rest of my houshold stuffe elsewhere, together with all my moueable goods vnbequeathed, bills, bonds, and debts, both private and publike, I give vnto my executo^{r} and his heires to enioy the same p̃sently after my decease. And I alsoe bequeath vnto him twoe hundred pounds of lawfull English money and the profitts thereof, which 200 ℔. was payd at twise into the Chamber of London for the

service of Ireland, according to an ordinance or ordinances of the king and both houses of Parliament. Itm I give vnto Mary Fiske and Margarett Meadowes, my two youngest daughters, five pounds a peece, to be payd within one moneth next after my decease by my executor. Itm I give vnto John Alby of Norwich, my cosen, forty shillings of lawfull English money, to be payd vnto him yearely by my executor dureing his life, that is to say, without demand, ten shillings to be sent him every quarter, except he shall obteyne the benefitt of liveing in the hospitall. And whereas, in anno 1630, I beganne a guift of a dozen of bread weekely to be given to the poore of the towne of Norton in Suff., my mynd and desire is that the same guift may continue to the world's end. And therefore I doe appoint and ordeyne that within one yeare next after my decease, my said sonne John shall to that end conveigh and assure into certaine feoffees hands, such feoffees as my said sonne John and my cosen Charles Turner of that towne shall nominate and appoint, two peeces of meadow lyeing together within Ixworth, and sett out by dooles, conteyning about two acres and an halfe, which meadow ground I pchased of William and John Parker of Ixworth aforesaid, at the price of fifty-five pounds. And the said two peeces of meadow to be thus conveyed and assured, vizt. Twelve pence a weeke to goe out of it for eu^{y}, to pay weekely for one dozen of bread, which comes yearely to fiftie and two shillings; and the residue of the rent or profitts of the said meadowe ground to remaine to the sayd John and his heires, to be disposed of as they shall thinke good. And my mind is that the dozen of bread weekely to be sent in shalbe such bread and soe provided as the minister and two cheife officers of the same pish shall thinke fitt and convenient. And shall alsoe be weekely given vnto twelue or thirteene such persons as they shall thinke most worthy and to haue most need; and if by alteracon of tymes the said yearly sume of 52 s. shall fall short, my mynd and will is that my said sonne John and his heires by supply shall make such provision by good

security, as that the said guift may euer be continued. And my desire is that the bounds and dooles of the said two peeces of meadowe and euery ꝑte thereof may be carefully kept and c̃tainely knowne. Item I doe nominate and appoint̃ John Fiske my sonne, often before named, to be sole executo^r^ of this my last will and testament for the probate and due execuc̃on thereof. And in wittnes that this is my last will and testament, I have subscribed my name and affixed my seale in the ꝑsence of these wittnesses vnderwritten. WILLIAM FISKE. Witnessed by vs, Walter Callow, Nathaniell Pricke.

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Sir Edmund Bacon, Bart.—1648.

Since, by the mercie of Almightie God, I am at this time in perfect memorie and vnderstanding, I haueing occasion to make this my last will and testam^t^, I sett it downe as followeth: humbly beseeching the Lord of all mercie and compassion to cleare me from all my sinnes and iniquities by the bloud of Jesus Christe, that by the imputac̃on of his righteousnesse my soule may be saued in the day of accompt and glorified amongst the elect. For my body, I desire it may be layd in the vault vpon the north syde of the chancell of Redgraue church, vnder the monument I haue erected for my deare wife. And I will that noe funerall pompe be bestowed at my buriall; and I desire that afterwards the passage into the vault be bricked and filled up. For my personall estate, I give as followeth: I give vnto my brother Mr. Robert Bacon, of Riborowe, all my guilt and silver vessell, plate, and spoones, not otherwise bequeathed, which appeares sett downe in an inventary. I give him alsoe all the wine and beere I shall leaue in my house at the time of my death, and all my corne either in my house or standing abroad, and all the hey, together with all the bedds of what kynde soever I shall leaue at the time of my death, not

otherwise disposed of, and all the deere in my parkes at Redgraue and Thornage. I give also vnto my sayd brother Mr. Robert Bacon all my houshold stuffe, as well linnen as otherwise, not otherwise bequeathed, bedding, hangings, and carpetts belonging to my houses at Redgraue and Thornage, and whatsoever vtensills belonginge to my milhouse, stables, barnes, and all the outhouses, carthouses, buttry, vessells in the cellars, pastry, kitchen, larder, brewhouse, bakehouse, and the gardens, and the netts for fishinge, and all my vessells of brasse, copper, pewter, and lead, and my houldbards. I give further vnto him all my armo^{r}, peeces, pistolls, swords, and saddles, and whatsoeu^{9} belonges to armes, not otherwise bequeathed, being either in the armory or the little roome adioneinge to it. I give also vnto him my blacke velvett footcloath layd with good and silver lace, with the furniture to it, and the best bitt I shall leaue, and my guilt stirropps. I give alsoe vnto my brother Mr. Robert Bacon my white marble bason, and what stood form^{9}ly aboute it, in the parlo^{r} garden. I give vnto my cozen Mr. Maurice Barrowe my silver standish. Item I give vnto the towne of Redgraue, and to the townes of Botesdale, ffifty pounds, to be bestowed as my executo^{rs} shall thinke best, to the vse of the poore in each parish; and my will is that the overseers of each parish doe give an account of the benefitt of it layd out to the poore yearely before the Justices, which shall take the accompt within a moneth after Easter day. And my will and meaninge is that it be deliu^{9}ed as an increase of the benefitt of the poore, and not to lessen any part of the collecc̃on which shall be allowed otherwise for the supporting of the poore in each parish. Item I give to John White, my servant, and to his heires for ever, my messuage called Purdyes, with thapp̃tũnc̃e, and one peece of ground called Tynkers, sometimes a messuage, now wasted, both which lye in Botesdale, sometimes Anthony Fales, and lately belonginge to Mrs. Anne Butts, my grandmother, deceased, and now are in the possession and occupac̃on of the sayd John White, my steward, or his assignes. I give vnto the town of Halstead

neere Bury, thirty pounds, to be disposed of to the best profitt that shall be thought fitting by mine executo^{rs}, and the benefitt thereof to goe to the sexten of that parish, or some other appointed by six of the cheife inhabitants of that towne, the minister being one, for the well looking to the two toombes in that church, the one being the tombe of Sr Robert Drury and my deare sister his wife, and thother that of my neece Elizabeth their daughter. The like sūme I give vnto the towne of Redgraue of thirty pounds, vpon the condic̃on, for the keeping cleane and maintaininge in good repac̃ons the tombe of my deare wife and the isle I builded to place it in, adioyning to the chancell on the north part, and is to be disposed on alsoe as mine executors shall thinke fittinge. And whereas my late deceased father, by his last will and testam^{t}, after paym^{t} of other legacies devised as well the residue of c̃taine plate, as alsoe certaine moneys therein menc̃oned, vnto my brothers Mr. Robert Bacon and Sr Butts Bacon, which seu^{9}all legacies, albeit I have truly sattisfied with a great overplus and advantage to either of them, in the incumbrances since happened and well known to my said brothers, being desireous to p̃vent all future questions which may arise betwixt them or either of them and mine executo^{rs}, concerning the same, for the sake of mine executo^{rs} in that behalfe. And that this my last will and testament may be duely pformed, I doe herein and hereby, as well in pformance of the seu^{9}all provisoes, powers, and authorities by me saued and reserued in and by one indenture triptite, beareing date the tenth day of September, in the sixteenth yeare of the reigne of our sou^{9}aigne Lord King Charles of England, &c.; as alsoe to declare my true intent and meaninge, touchinge all and every the vses and estates respectiuely limitted vnto my sayd brothers Robert Bacon and Sr Butts Bacon, in and by the sayd indentures; as alsoe all and every the legacies by this my last will and testam^{t} to my said two brothers devised are all meant and intended, and hereby so deemed to be, aswell in full recompense and satisfac̃on of all legacies, guifts, and bequests, in and by the sayd last will

and testam^t^ of my sayd late ffather to them seu̅all devised as aforesaid, as in testimony of my intire loue and affecc̃on to them, in which respect my further will, intent, and meaninge is, and I doe hereby further manifest and declare, that before such time as any of my said brothers, Mr. Robert Bacon and Sr Butts Bacon, shall take any benefitt by this my last will and testam^t^, shall seu̅ally and respectiuely vnder their hands and seales release to my sayd executo^rs^ all and all maner of legacies, sūme and sūmes of money, to them or either of them devised or bequeathed by the last will and testam^t^ of my late father; and such of my said two brothers as vpon reasonable request of my sayd executo^rs^ shall refuse to make such release, and shall neu̅thelesse sewe, molest, and trouble mine executo^rs^ or the executo^rs^ of mine executors, touching or conc̃ninge such legacie or legacies or overplus money, to him devised by the last will and testament of my said late ffather, which neu̅thelesse I am confident he will not doe, that then and from thence forth the estate and estates to him and his heires males of his body, in and by the sayd indenture triptie limitted, to cease, determine, and be vtterly voyd. Now whereas Sr Nicholas Bacon, my grandfather, Lord Keeper of the great Seale of England, did by his indenture dated the seaven and twentieth day of May, in the eight yeare of Queene Elizabeth, convey to diverse ffeoffees, in the same indenture men-c̃oned, the moyetie of the mannor of Burgate with thapp̄tñnc̄ (inter alia) to the vse of himselfe for life, the remainder to Sr Nicholas Bacon his sonne for life, the remainder to the first begotten sonne in tayle, with diverse provisoes and remainders; and further (inter alia) that it should be lawfull for every of the p̄sons inheritable by force of the sayd indenture and limittac̃ons of vses therein expressed, haueing and being in seisin in the sayd mannor with the appurtenances aforesaid, to make his last will and testament of the same, and thereby devise and bequeath the issues, revenews, and profitts of the said manno^r^ with thapp^r^tñnc̄ aforesaid, and all and singuler the lands, tenem^ts^, and hereditam^ts^, whatsoeu̅ accepted, reputed, and taken, as p̄te and p̄cell or member of

the sayd mannor, for and dureing the space of seaven yeares next after his decease soe estated, as by the sayd indenture appeareth; and whereas the said Lord Keeper, by his indenture dated the tenth day of Aprill in the fifteenth yeere of the sayd Queene Elizabeth, conveyed and assured the other moyetie of the said manno^{r} of Burgate, with th'app^{r}tñncϱ, to diuerse other ffeoffees in the same indenture menc̃oned, to the same or like effect, vses, and provisoes, in the same first indenture menc̃oned appeareth, now I, Sr Edmund Bacon, haueing an estate and interest of inheritance of the p̃misses by virtue of the sayd seu^{9}all conveyances made as aforesaid, doe hereby and herein, according to the seu^{9}all and respectiue provisoes, powers, and authorities in and by the sayd two last seu^{9}all resited indentures, devise, bequeath, limitt and appoint the sayd mannor and lands wth the app^{r}tñncϱ for the terme of seaven yeares next ensewing after my decease vnto my brother Mr. Robert Bacon, and his heires. I give vnto the poore of the townes wherein I dye seised of any farme or farmes the sūme of threescore pounds, to be proporc̃onably devided, soe neare as may be, vnto the number of the poore of the seu^{9}all places; but the poore of the parishes of Redgraue and Botesdale are to haue nothinge of it, in regard I haue bestowed otherwise vpon them. I desire my servants, who haue a mind to it, may remaine at my charge at Redgraue hall six weekes after my decease, which time I intreat my brother Mr. Robert Bacon, and his heires, to allowe them; and that they who will not stay, may haue a reasonable proporc̃on in money payd them for their dyetts by mine executo^{rs} for that time; and that vpon the six weekes end or before they shall haue their wages payd them which shall be due at the time of my death. And the legacies which I haue given them and others, I would haue discharged soe soone as may be after my decease, I leaueing them ready money to doe it withall. Among the rest of my debts I owe vnto the towne of Botesdale tenn pounds, which I will shall be paid w^{t}hin a moneth after my decease, and soe much interest for the money, according to eight

in the hundred, as shall be due at that tyme (the interest of it was payd at Hallowmas, 1647). I would haue within a moneth after my decease a barrell of good gunpowder of a 100li waight, deliued vnto one of the cheife constables of the hundred of Hartesmere, I haueing receiued it for the vse of my company, and not haueinge vsed it I desire it may be put into the magazine. I give vnto the right honoble the Lady Wootton, widowe to the Lord Edward Wotton deceased, Baron of Marly, one hundred pounds, together with the limned picture of my wife, which I knowe will be acceptable vnto her in regard of the great loue which was betweene them. I give alsoe vnto her Lapp, the landskipp inamiled vpon gold which is in the Dutch cabinett in my closett. To my neece the Lady Howell, daughter to the Lord Thomas Wotton deceased, I give my diamond ring, given my wife by my lord her ffather. I give vnto my Lady Mentice, daughter to my brother Sr Nathaniell Bacon, the box with pearle, sealed vpp, with the name of my sister Waldegraue vpon it. I give vnto the eldest daughter of my nephew Robert Bacon, sonne to my brother Mr. Robert Bacon, of Riborowe, my feather sett wth diamonds, being in the iron chest. I give vnto my neece Mrs. Jemimah Cletheroe, daughter to Mr. Henry Cletheroe, ffifty pounds. I give vnto Mr. Bacon Gawdy, my nephew, three hundred pounds, willing him to pay ffifty pounds of it to his sonne Francis Gawdy, soe soone as he hath received the money. I give vnto the widowe Susan Gawdy, my nephew Captaine Gawdyes widowe, who was slayine at Mastricht, ffifty pounds. To her daughter Susan, ffifty pounds, and to Bassingborne her sonne, ffifty pounds. I give vnto my brother, Sr Butts Bacon, Baronett, eleaven dozen and six buttons of gold that are sett vpon a sute that I weare. I give him alsoe five hundred pounds of money, and five hundred pounds worth of plate. I give him alsoe my achate with the picture of the butterfly in it, and the pendant hanging on it, the stonne found in Botesdale streete. I give him alsoe ffifteene clasps of gold like scallop-shels, which are in Arthur's keeping. I give him alsoe

the chayne it hangeth at. I give vnto my nephew Mr. Henry Bacon, sonne to my brother Sr Butts Bacon, one hundred pounds. I give vnto Mr. Payton Bacon, my nephew, sonne to my brother Mr. Robert Bacon, of Riborowe, twenty pounds. I give vnto my nephew Mr. Butts Bacon, sonne of my brother Mr. Robert Bacon, of Riborowe, one hundred pounds, and my great limbecke, in the laboratory. I give vnto my nephew Mr. Nicholas Bacon, of Gislingham, my little black stocked peece inlayed with silver, and my case of redd stocked pistolls, and my flaske to them, inlayed with silver. I give him alsoe my achate with Queene Elizabeth's picture in it, and the chaine of achate it hangs at of thirty beads. I give him alsoe my Iseland cornelian stonne sett in gold, with the antike figure in it. I give alsoe vnto him my meddall of the synode at Dort, which is in the hands of George Gardiner. I give him alsoe my chaine of beads with scrues. I give vnto my nephew Mr. William Brooke my guilt wrought sword and the girdle and hangers to it. I give vnto James Harvey my servant, and to his heires, all that my mesuage wth the apptñance℘, called Cotterells, in Botesdale, and one peece of land adjoineing to the same, sometimes Anthony Fales, and lately belonging to Mrs. Anne Butts, my grandmother. I give vnto Mr. Phillip Jacob, minister of Nether Rickingale, who in my ffather's tyme did often supply the place of a chaplyn vnto me, twenty pouuds. I give vnto Captaine Bokenham my good friend, ten pounds, and my damaske sword, with the handle of perfect gold, with the girdle and hangers to it. I give vnto Mr. John Craddocke, minister of Barrowe, my great grinding-stonne of purfure with the muller to it, and the little grinding-stonne of purfere with the muller to it. I give him alsoe my two perspectives of Saint Marke, hanging in the chamber of my laboritary. I give vnto my servants and some others as followeth: I give vnto Mr. Coppyn, my chaplyn, one hundred pounds, and all the bookes he hath in his hands of mine. To George Gardiner, my clarke, I give two hundred pounds, and the best gelding of mine

he can choose. To John White, my steward, threescore pounds. To Bowser Gyles one hundred pounds. To Mrs. Anne Brampton, my servant, one hundred and ffifty pounds. To Arthur Marsh I give one hundred and ffifty pounds, and all my weareing apparrell not otherwise disposed of, and the linnen whatsoeu[9] I vse to weare about my body. I give also vnto him the cuppord in my chamber. I give vnto Mr. Richard Hinsloe, the phesic̃on, dwelling in Wortham, ten pounds besides whatsoeu[9] is due to him for phisike for myselfe, my houshold, and others by my appointment. I give him alsoe my great herball, bound in leather, composed by Mr. John Parkinson, appothecary. To John Flood fourescore pounds. To Leonard Goodburne, my cooke, fforty pounds. To John Nelson, my coachman, ffourescore pounds. To Wiłłm Tevis my brewer, thirty pounds. To James Harvey, my servant, ffortie pounds. To Thomas Mayor threescore pounds. To Henry Bond, my gardner, fourescore pounds. To Thomas Coppyn, my servant, threescore pounds. To Elizabeth, the wife of Arthur Marsh, ffifty pounds. To John Lymber fforty pounds. To Anne Disney, alʒ Pett, thirty pounds. To goodwife Mayor, who helps in the dayrie, three pounds. To Edmund Steggell five pounds. To Edward Tollifer five pounds. To old John Tollifer of Rickingalle, tenne pounds. To Anne Bedwall, my servant, twenty pounds. To Thomas Tevis, who helps in the garden, ten pounds. To Robert Amys, the brick-burner, of Redgraue, ten pounds. To James Stearne, one of my butlers, twentie pounds. To William Trower twentie pounds. To Richard Eng twenty pounds. To Martyn Turner twentie pounds. To Nicholas Mulley, the boy in the stable, three pounds. To John Last, my warriner, thirty pounds. To William Padnall, my servant, ten pounds. To William Lumnis, my kitchen boy, three pounds. To Samuel Cooper, the bayliffe, ten pounds. To John Bond, the baker, five pounds. To Robert Worlidge, the husbandman, five pounds. To James Yonge, the husbandman, five pounds. To George Betts, my keeper, five pounds. To Edward

Bally, my servant, three pounds. I give towards the maintenance of the lecture vpon the markett day in the towne of Botesdale, three pounds and ten shillings a yeare, to be issuing out of my closes called Barker's field, in Botesdale, to be payd quarterly to the churchwardens of Botesdale for the time being, soe longe as the Protestant religion continueth that is now professed in the church of England. And of this my last will and testament, I make my executo^{rs}, my brother Robert Bacon, of Riborowe, and my nephew Robert Bacon, of Thornage, his sonne, and my cozen Mr. Francis Bacon of Ipswich, not doubting, out of the love that hath been betwixt us, but that they will ꝑforme and execute what is in the same with what speed conveniently may be, there being money enough left to pay all the legacies given in money by this my last will; and my debts, legacies, and charges of my buriall being discharged, I give vnto my said executo^{rs}, Robert and Robert, all my goods, plate, jewells, moneys, houshold stuffe and personall estate not formꝰly bequeathed; and to my cozen Mr. Francis Bacon I give one hundred pounds. And my will and meaning is, that I give it him to be an assistant to my other executo^{rs}, and that he meddle not with any ꝑte of the estate; but if it shall fall out that my sayd cozen hath any charge about the businesse of my will, my will is that he be payd it by my two other executo^{rs}. And in wittnes that this is my last will and testam^{t}, I haue subscribed to euery leafe thereof and setto my seale, being in number nine. And hereby revokeing all former wills, I doe constitute and make this my last will and testam^{t}, and doe publish and declare the same this second day of October, anno Dñi 1648, annoq; regni regis Caroli nunc Angliæ, &c. vicesimo quarto, in the ꝑsence of Will. Morris, James Betts, Robert Pleasance. Edm. Bacon.

Probat. aꝑd London, 2 Maij, 1649.

[Lib. Ashton, pars I. f. 182.]

Mary Chapman, of Bury, widow.—1649.

In the name of God, Amen. I Mary Chapman, of Bury St. Ed's, in the countie of Suff., widowe, and relict of Thomas Chapman, grocer, deceased, being in disposeing memorie, doe make and ordeine this my last will and testament in manner following: Inprīs, I give vnto my daughter Mary Chapman, my posted settworke bedstead and liu^{o}ry cupbord to it, together with a feather bed, a feather bolster, two pillowes, a greene rugg, a paire of vallence and curtaines, two blanketts, a chaire and two stooles, a little flockbedd and my best flocke bolster; alsoe one trundle bedstead and an halfe trundle bedstead, a cribb, a glas-case, a leafe table, a forme, a great kettle, a great skillett and a little square table, a frying-pan; also a greene chaire and two stooles wrought; alsoe two fine towells and a course one; alsoe one long table cloath and a short table cloath, and a fine holland cupbord cloath; alsoe a fine paire and a course paire of sheets; also halfe a dozen plaine napkins; also three fine pillow beers; alsoe a long darnisle carpett, a little darnisle carpett and curtaine of the same; alsoe my watered grogerin gowne and watered grogerin petticoate with a silver lace; alsoe my coloured tawny gowne and rose-coloured tawny petticoate, a little truncke, a paire of cobjrons, fire-pan, and tonges with brasse heads, and my Byble. Item I give vnto my sonne Thomas Chapman my great caldron, alsoe a great flockbedd and a little flockebed, a blew rugg, and a blankett, an old kiverlett, a feather bolster, and my great truncke. Item I give vnto my sonne John a featherbed, a feather bolster, and a flocke bolster, a blew kiverlett and a blankett, a paire of mustard quearnes; also my muskett, rest, bandileers, sword and headpeece, my jacke, a fine paire of sheets, and a hutche. Item I give vnto my daughter Anna my greene bedstead, a paire of greene vallence and curtaines, a featherbedd, bolster, and two pillowes, a yellow rugg and two blanketts, a greene chaire and

foure laced stooles; alsoe a trundle bedsted, a liu^{y}y cupbord, a keepe, two wrought chaires, my two lesser kettles, my brasse pott, two little skilletts, a little round table, halfe a dozen diap napkins, a fine towell and two course ones, a fine paire of sheets and a course paire, two diap table cloaths, a short table cloath, and three course pillow beers. Item I give vnto my daughter Martha two wrought backchaires, my silver bodkyn, my blacke silke hood, my wrought wastcoate and wicker chaire. And my will is that all my pewter be equally divided by waight betweene foure of my children, vizt. Mary, Thomas, John, and Anna. Item I give to my sister Fuller my silke gowne and my best crosscloath, handkerchiefe, and paire of foresleeues, which she shall chuse, to be deliu^{y}ed to her within one moneth after my decease. And I will that my beareing cloath should be for the vse of my said sister and my daughters Mary and Anna, each of them to haue it when they haue occasion to vse it, and she that last beare children to haue it for ever. Item I give vnto my sonne Thomas and to his heires foreu^{y}, my mesuage or tenem^{t} in the great m̃kett place in Bury, over against the Crosse, with the garden and all other thapp̃tñnc̃ therevnto belonging, as the same is or lately was in the possession of William Carter, ironmonger, and Robert Docking, barber. And if it shall happen that my s^{d} sonne depart this life before his accomplishment of the age of one and twentie years, and dye without issue of his body lawfully begotten, that then the same mesuage with th'appr-tñnc̃ to be sold by my executo^{rs} hereafter named and to be equally devided betwixt those of my children that doe survive; onely to my daughter Martha, I give but ffortie pounds out of it, she being well p̃vided for by her grandmother, and their seu̅all p̃ts to be payd vnto them at their age of one and twentie yeares, or day of marriage, which shall first happen. And if it shall soe fall out that the sayd house be sold for the payment of their p̃te that comes first of age, my will is that the profitts of the re-maininge p̃te be imployed towards the maintenance of those who

shall not then be of age, till they shall receive their legacies as abouesaid. And my will is that the rent of the sayd mesuage be imployed towards the maintenance of my children which my father or mother shall keepe. And my will is, that if any of my said children depart this life before his, her, or their accomplishment of the age of one and twentie yeares, or die without issue lawfully begotten, then the ꝑte or ꝑtes of houshold stuffe, linnen, and apparell aboue bequeathed, of him, her, or them soe deceasing, to be equally devided amongst my children that doe survive. And I doe nominate, constitute, and appoint my ffather John Francke, and my brother Charles Francke, executo^{rs} of this my last will and testament. And in case my ffather depart this life before my mother Mary Francke, then I will that my said mother should be executrix with my said brother. In wittnes whereof I have herevnto sett my hand and seale the xijth day of November, in the yeare of our Lord God 1649. The m^{9}ke of Mary Chapman. Signed and sealed in the p̃nce of Frances Harrison, Edward Oxborough.

Probat. 17 Apr. 1650.

[Lib. Ashton, pars II. f. 309.]

Robert Bacon, of Redgrave, Esq.—1650.

In the name of God Amen. On the xxxth day of May, in the yeare of our Lord, accordinge to the computac̃on of the Church of England, one thousand six hundred and ffiftie, I, Robert Bacon, of Redgraue, in the countie of Suff., Esq. being in good health and of sound and perfect memory, God be thanked therefore, yet considering the ffrailtie and incertaintie of this life, and being desireous to settle a course for payment of my debts, and provision for my wife, and my children yet vnprovided for, and for other good causes me therevnto moueinge, doe make and ordaine this my last will and testament in maner following: First, I bequeath my soule into the hands of Jesus Christe my Redeemer, who soe

dearely hath bought it even with his most precious bloud, and doe hope by his mercies to receive everlasting happines, and my body I will to be buried at Redgraue aforesaid, and to be layd in the vault there wherein the body of Sr Nicholas Bacon, knight and baronett, my grandfather, was layd. And whereas I haue by ffyne and recovery, and by certaine indentures, caused divers manno^rs^, lands, tenem^ts^, and hereditam^ts^, to be conveyed to Sr John Hobart, baronett, Sr Wiliam Doily, knight, my sonne-in-lawe George Reve, esq. George Gardiner, gent. and John Spendlowe, vpon trust for payment of my debts and legacies, as in the said indentures now fully appeareth, I doe hereby desire my said freinds soe trusted to se my debts payd and trust ꝑformed, according as I haue directed the same to be done. And whereas by indenture quadrꝑtite, beareing date the twentieth day of May, in the yeare of our Lord one thousand six hundred and ffiftie, made betweene Sr Robert Bacon, baronet, my father, and Phillip Bacon, my sister, of the first part; me the said Robert Bacon, on the second ꝑte; Isaac Appleton, esq., my sonne Edmund Bacon, and Mrs. Elizabeth Crane, on the third ꝑte; and the said Roger Reve, esq. on the fourth ꝑte; and by fine accordingly levyed by me and my said ffather, to the said Isaac Appleton and his heires, the manno^rs^ of Thornage and Briston, with all the lands, tenements, meadowes, pastures, woods, and hereditaments to the said manno^rs^, or either of them, belonging, or in any wise appꝑteyninge, with theire and every of theire rights, members, and appurtenances, and all other the lands, tenem^ts^, meadows, pastures, woods, and hereditam^ts^ of me or my said ffather, scituate, lyeing, and being in Thornage, Briston, Brimingham, Sharpington, and Letheringsett, or in any of them, with thapp^r^ten^a^nc̄e; except the lands in Briston, Brinton, and Brimingham aforesaid, then formꝛly conveyed to the vse of me the said Robert Bacon and my heires; and except eight acres of land in Thornage, in the occupac̄on of Richard Cleve, are conveyed and limited to the jmediate vse and behoofe of my selfe for my life, and after my decease for and touchinge all

such and soe much of the said manno^{r}, lands, and p̃misses as I the said Robert Bacon should by any wryting or wrytings vnder my hand and seale, or by my last will in wryting, lymmitt or appoint for joynture or estate of Catherine my wife, or any other wife or wiues which I should after happen to marry, to the vse and behoof of the said Catherine or such other wife or wiues, for and dureing the terme of theire seu^{9}all and respective life or lives, or other terme, and in such manner and forme and with such condic̃ons and limitac̃ons as by such wryting or wrytings, or last will, as aforesaid, should be limitted and appointed, as in the said indenture quadrapertite fully appeareth. Now by virtue and in psuance of the intent and meaning of the said indenture, and the said power therein to me as afore limitted, and out of my especiall loue and affecc̃on vnto the said Catherine my now wife, and for her better livelyhood and maintenance and increase of her joynture, and that she may be more able to educate my children as she shall think fitt, I doe by this my last will in wrytinge will, limitt, and appoint, all the said manno^{rs}, lands, ten^{ts}, hereditaments, and ^{9}misses, (except as is before excepted,) shall imediately from and after my decease goe remaine, and be by force and virtue of the said indenture and ffyne, vnto the said Katherine my beloued wife, for and dureing her widowhood, and that the said ffyne be and inure accordingly. Item, I give vnto my wife two thousand pounds, to be payd by my said ffeoffees or trustees of my estate within a yeare after my death, that if she please she may give it to my daughter Anne, if she shall marry to her likeinge. And I give vnto my wife all my houshold stuffe at Thornage, with my stocke and goods there, soe that within a moneth after my death she enter bond to my trustees of my estate to leaue the stocke at her death to my sonne Edmund soe good in value as she shall find the same at my death. And if she shall refuse to enter such bond, then my said bequest to her of the stocke shalbe voyd. And my desire is that she shall not entermarry with any, but live singly, soe that she may be better able to provide for my children, which

I leaue to her care. And if she shall marry with any, then my will is that she shall not haue the said houshold stuffe, stocke, or goods bequeathed to her as aforsaid any longer then vntill her day of marriage, nor shall haue that increase of joynture and estate in Thornage which I haue heretofore given to her longer then she shall live and continue a widowe without marrying of her selfe after my death to any other ꝑson whatsoeu^{r}. Item I give vnto my two daughters Jemima and Frances seu^{r}ally, to either of them two thousand pounds of currant money of England, to be payd to them within one halfe yeare after my death, if I shall live vntill they atteyne the age of eighteene yeares or more. And if it shall happen that I shall dye before that time, then my will is that theire said porc̃ons shalbe payd at theire ages of eighteene yeares respectively. And my will is the feoffees in trust which I haue made for the paying of my debts and legacies, by the sale or profitts of those lands and goods which I haue intrusted them with, shall rayse and pay the said porc̃ons, and employ them after the raising thereof vnto the vse of my said two daughters respectively, vntill they come to theire ages of eighteene yeares old, and shall allowe to my said daughters but after the rate of six pounds in the hundred pounds for the interest or profitt of theire said porc̃ons after the raising of them. And my desire is that my wife should haue the bringing of them vp vntill theire seu^{r}all ages of eighteene yeares, if it shall please God to give my wife life soe long, and that they shall either of them haue payd by my said friends trusted, to my said wife soe longe as they shall be vnder her educac̃on, thirty pounds for theire cloathes, educac̃on, and dyett yearely, and every yeare, soe long as they shalbe vnder the age of eighteene yeares aforesaid, and vntill they shall receive profitt of theire said porc̃ons; the said thirtie pounds to be payd halfe yearely by equall porc̃ons. And if my said daughters Jemima and Frances, or either of them, happen to dye before the age of eighteene yeares and marriage, then my will is that the porc̃on of her soe dyeing shall cease and be voyd, and the moneys raised or

to be raised for the same, shalbe imployed for the performance of the trust reposed for the payment of my debts. Item I give to my said ffather Sr Robert Baeon my browne eolt, that one of his servants hath now to bring to a paee. Item I give to my sonne Edmund his wife ffiftie pounds, to buy her a jewell withall. Item I give vnto my sonne Edmund Baeon all my plate, brasse, pewter, linnen, woollen, bedding, hangings, wood worke, houshold stuffe, and furniture, at the house at Redgraue aforesaid, with all my rideing horses, hawkes, and doggs, and theire furniture. My coaeh and coaeh horses I give vnto my wife. Item I give vnto my said sonne-in-lawe Mr. George Reve ten pounds, and to my daughter his wife twentie pounds to buy a ring or jewell withall. Item I give to either of my sisters ten pounds a peece to buy them jewells withall, to be payd to them within one yeare after my death. Item I give vnto my brother Paxton Baeon twenty pounds, to be payd within three yeares after my death to him, or to whom he shall appoint it. Item I give vnto my servant John Youngman twenty pounds, to be payd him within one yeare after my death. Item I give vnto Mr. Foster, minister of God's word, of Redgraue, fforty shillings, to buy him a ring withall. Item I give vnto Christopher Seaman, minister of God's worde at Little Snoreing, ffortie shillings, to buy a ring withall. Item I give vnto my cousin Mr. Riehard Newton, of great Snorrige, twenty pounds, to be payd within one yeare after my death. Item my mynd is that Thomas Norton, my groome, shall haue ffiftie pounds payd to him within one yeare after my death, if he shalbe then liveing; and that my brother Butts Baeon, whom I haue intrusted with the estate of the house or eottage in whieh the said Norton now liveth, shall surrender the said house and cottage to the vse of the said Norton and his wife, and the longer liver of them, for terme of their lives and after to my heires. I meane the house onely and the yard. Iẗm I give vnto my servant John Spendlowe twenty pounds, to be payd to him two yeares after my death. Iẗm I give vnto Thomas Ringer, my servant, ten pounds,

to be payd within three yeares after my death. Item, I give vnto John Hargraue my servant, ffive pounds, to be payd within one yeare after my death. Item, I give vnto William Clarke my servant ffive pounds, to be payd within one yeare after my death. Item, I give vnto the poore of Redgraue and Botesdale twentie pounds. And to the poore of Thornidge ffive pounds. Item, I give vnto my true friend Sr John Tracy, of Stifkey, twenty pounds. The rest and residue of all my goods and personall estate whatsoeu^{9} in this my will not before given or disposed of, I doe will vnto my executo^{rs} towards the paym^{t} of my debts and legacies aforesaid. And I doe ordaine and make my sayd beloued wife, my sonne Edmund, my said sonne in lawe George Reve, and the said George Gardiner, my executo^{rs} of this my will, desireing them to see the same performed. In wittnes whereof I haue to this my last will, conteyned in six sheets of paper, subscribed my name and putte my seale the day and yeare first aboue written, Robert Bacon. Subscribed, sealed, and published by the said Robert Bacon, to be his last will and testament, in the p̃sence of Fra. Bacon, Fr. Bacon, Jo. Barker.

Proved in London, 30 Sept. 1652.

[Liber Ashton, pars II. 555, et seq.]

NOTES.

P. 1, l. 12. *j. portiforium.* A book containing the antiphonal service, sometimes accompanied by musical notes. In 1396 Robert Stabeler, priest, bequeathed "magnum portiforium notatum, excepto tamen quod diebus dominicis et alijs diebus festivis predictum portiforium ponatur in choro ad deserviendum ibidem." [Lib. Osberne, f. 66.] In 1399 Galfridus Glemesford "assignat pro j portiphorio de novo faciendo in cancellis ecclesiæ sancti Jacobi Apostoli, x. marcas, sub condicione quod portiphorium secundarium ibidem ad presens existens deibi amoveatur et ponatur coram altari Sancti Johannis Baptiste ad perpetuum usum ejusdem altaris." [Ibid. f. 95.] In 1503 Christopher Sekker, priest, bequeathed to "William Breggs, that gooth to scole with me, myn portoose and all my gramer bokys, yf so be he be a preest." [Lib. Pye, f. 124.] And in 1509 syr William Taylour, priest, bequeathed his "whyte portos coueryd with white ledyr to the chapell in the college [at Bury St. Edmund's], ther to be cheynyd in the same, and to contynue." [Lib. Mason, f. 9.]

—— l. 18. *Forsariis.* Forcers or caskets; French *forcier.*

P. 2, l. 5. *Ecclesiasticæ sepulturæ.* What is now understood by the phrase "christian burial," in which form it occurs in the will of Cecilia wife of John Coolyn, 1427. The addition, in some instances, of the words "in cancellis" has led authors to consider it to refer to the "holy sepulchre" in which the host was reserved from Good Friday to Easter; and Sir John Cullum [Hist. Hawsted, 2d edit. p. 16.] quoting from the will of "John Meryell, of Hausted, 1480," the direction to be buried "in the holy sepulchre that is in the cherch yerd of Hausted," remarks, in a note, on the extraordinary position of "the holy sepulchre" in that parish. The passage, however, was not extracted with due care. The will has no reference to Hawsted, but *Stansted*, and the direction is that his body is to be buried "in the holy sepulture, that is, in the cherche yeerd of Stansted;" and is a literal translation of the common latin form. The will of John Sergeaunth, chaundler, of Bury, 1496, expressly says "in the holy sepulture of the cherche yeerd of Seynt Marie."

—— l. 13. *Gilde de dusze.* A leaden token in the possession of the Rev. H. Hasted, Bury St. Edmund's, bears on the obverse a mitred head and the legend SIGNVM GILDE

SCI NICHO, and on the reverse the letter T between S and N of a smaller size, with the legend CONGREGACIO DVSSE. We learn from the will of John Baret (p. 35) that this was "the gild of the Translation of St. Nicholas othirwyse callyd Dusgilde;" and from that of John Coote (p. 92) that it was holden in the college at Bury. It was governed by a prior (p. 26), had many chaplains, and many distinguished brethren. The meaning of the word *dvs*—variously written dus, dusze, dvsse, and doosse—is not clear. It has been suggested that it may refer to a council of twelve forming its governing body,—the *douze* gild; and by others, as there were two gilds in the town in honour of the same saint,—the patron of merchants and travellers,—it might have been the distinctive mark of the gild of foreign or travelling merchants, hawkers or pedlars, who were commonly known by the name of "Dusty Foot," *pie poudreux*, and for whose relief the court of *pie poudre* was erected. The circumstance of the gild being held in the college of priests called Jesus College, again, has induced the belief that it is a vulgar adoption of the word Deus. Can this be the "sacerdot' fraternitatis sancti Nicholai" mentioned in the will of lady Ela Shardelowe (p. 13), incorporated as a college of priests at the beginning of the 16th century? St. Nicholas was a favourite saint with the people of Bury. To his honour there was a hospital, and two gilds; and on the pulling down of some priests' stalls on the site of the chapel in St. Mary's church, in which one of the gilds used to worship, a variety of leaden tokens having reference to the saint were found. See Tymms's History of St. Mary's Church, pp. 62—67.

P. 2, l. 20. *Gybwico.* Ipswich.

P. 3, l. 13. *Fanon.* The maniple. See Way's Prompt. Parv. 149.

—— l. 14. *Corporale.* See Way's Prompt. Parv. p. 93.

—— l. 15. *Murra.* Mazer, a wood of mottled grain much in favour for making drinking cups. On this subject see notes to the memoir on archbishop Scrope's Indulgence cup, in the Transactions of the Archæological Institute at their York Meeting, and notes to Promptorium Parvulorum, p. 328.

—— l. 21. *j. mappam, j. manutergium.* Mappam, table cloth, sometimes written *nappa*, French *nappe*, whence *napry*, used in p. 25, and napkin. *Manutergium*, hand napkins.

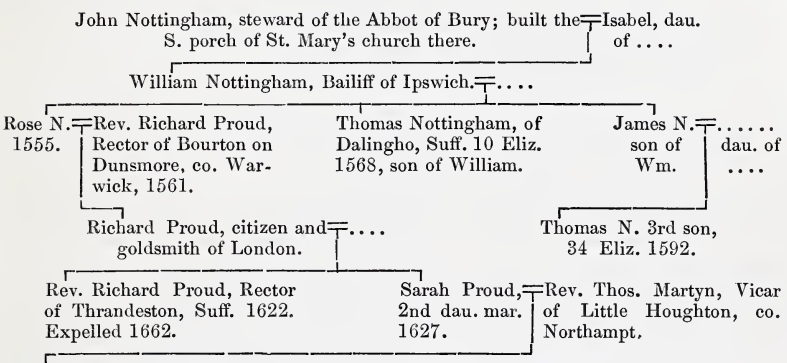
—— l. 22. *Celour cum iij redels.* A canopy with three curtains. See p. 136. The "selour" of an altar occurs in p. 40; and the will of Robert Thurston, of Mekyll Waldyngfield, 1494 [Lib. Bonor, f. 23], directs his executors to "provyde and ordeyn a clenly seler for to be born ouyr the Sacrament on Palme Sonday and on Corpus Xp'i day." Ridel, from the Fr. *rideau*, is a small curtain.

—— l. 22. *Camelini.* Camlet, a stuff originally made of camel's hair.

—— l. 29. *De panno blod pro toga, etc.* "vj quissinos de blod sagone" occurs in p. 13; a "sangweyn" gown, p. 98; and a "sangweyn" sheath, p. 40. It is sometimes latinized into "blodium."

P. 5, l. 25. *Johannes Notyngham.* The very beautiful porch on the north side of St. Mary's church, Bury St. Edmund's, known as the Notyngham porch, bears this inscription

over the doorway: "Orate pro animabvs Johannis Notyngham et Isabelle uxoris sue." In the memoirs of the Professors Martyn, of Cambridge, this wealthy and pious grocer is said to have been steward of the abbot of Bury; but the statement requires confirmation, as does the alleged claim of the Martyn family to be his representatives, derived in the following pedigree, obligingly communicated by D. E. Davy, esq. of Ufford.



From whom descended Rev. John and Thomas Martyn, Professors of Botany at Camb.

John Notyngham would appear from his will to have died without male issue, as he makes mention only of a daughter and her two children, Isabella and John Jerveys. William Nottingham, who successively filled the offices of portman, bailiff, claviger, and justice of Ipswich in the time of Henry the Eighth, was most probably the son of John Nottingham of Bury (whose will, dated 24 Aug. 1503, and proved 13 Jan. following, is preserved in Liber Pye, f. 142) and his wife Rose, daughter of Thomas and Agnes Dunne; the following children being enumerated therein: 1. William, eldest son; 2. Robert; 3. Agnes; 4. Margaret.

P. 6, l. 5. *Seyntemarypriest.* The priest who officiated at the altar of St. Mary. In the will of Johanna, relict of sir Roger Drury, 1446 [Lib. Hawlee, f. 19], he is mentioned as "capellano vulgariter nuncupato seyntmaripriest."

P. 8, l. 2. *Seynt Roberd.* See also p. 9, l. 14. It is alleged that the Jews of Bury St. Edmund's crucified a child, named Robert, on the Good Friday of 1181, in contempt and derision of the sufferings of the Saviour. The monks caused the body to be interred in the monastery with great ceremony and ostentation, and his shrine speedily became renowned for the miracles said to be there effected. Jocelin of Brakelond wrote a book of these miracles. A guild in his honour existed in the town. Isabella Teryngtone, widow, by will 10 Oct. 1468, bequeathed "ad sustentacionem gilde sancti Roberti in Bury, xij*d.*

—— l. 9. *Ratunrowe.* A raton in East-Anglian dialect was either a weasel or a water-rat. [Prompt. Parv.] Ratun or raton, *rato, sorex.* (Sorex est mus aquaticus, a ratte. Ortus Vocabulorum.) Sir John Mandeville says of the Tartars, "Alle maner of

wylde beestes they eten, houndes, cattes, ratouns,'' &c. Ratun-rowe may have been a street infested with such "wylde beestes," either very near a stream, or a butchery, or sewer—whereby they abound. It must be remembered, however, that there was a woollen stuff called *rateen*, but perhaps not made so early as the 15th century; that Bury was a great cloth mart; and that its streets were usually named after the trade principally carried on in them. Thus we had "Hatter Street," "Glover's Street," "Skynner Rowe," "Lyndraper Rowe," "Spycer's Row," &c. &c.

P. 8, l. 14. *Līe*, legitime; and l. 16, *Līam*, legitimam.

—— l. 28. *Elēm*, eligibilem.

P. 9, l. 1. *Teyuen*. The Tay fen. A place so called in Bury St. Edmund's, on the bounds of Fornham, indicates the site of the old fen.

—— l. 29. *Et di. garnisch peuter vessell.* Half a service of pewter. The garnish, according to Harrison, who wrote his Descr. of England about 1580, "usuallie dooth conteine 12 platters, 12 dishes, 12 saucers;'' and he adds, "in some places beyond the sea, a garnish of good flat English pewter, of an ordinarie making, is esteemed almost so pretious as the like number of vessels that are made of fine siluer.'' The garnish was the suite or service, and varied according to the rank of the party, as in modern times. The garnish of sir Thomas Kytson, contemporary with Harrison, consisted of "three dozen of platters and dishes, and one dozen of saucers, every six dishes and platters varying in size." [Hist. Hengrave, 195.] See Way's Prompt. Parv. p. 187.

P. 10, l. 4. *Par cultellorum quorum manubria sunt de cornu vnicornij.* Raine [Hist. North Durham, i. 104] says that it was the tooth of the monodon, or sea unicorn, which was imposed upon the world as the horn of the unicorn, and was sold at an extravagant price, as a supposed preservative against poison. In 1531, Thomas Mosse bequeathed two cushions to St. James's church, Bury, "w^{t} the pyghtur of ye unicorn." [Lib. Hollond, f. 3.] This was the favourite medieval fable of the capture of the unicorn, attracted by the fascination of a virgin, so often pourtrayed in ancient works of art. See, for example, Carter's Painting and Sculpture, pl. 113.

P. 11. *Robert Bishop of Emly.* In Wharton's list of the Chorepiscopi Diocesis Norwicensis, occurs "Robertus Ep's Imelicensis, 1424;'' and a subsequent entry has "Imelacensis, Cassel,'' *i. e.* bp. of Emly in the province of Cashel in Ireland. In Ware's list of the Bishops of Emly are three bishops named Robert, if indeed they are all different persons, at this period. 1. Robert Windel, Franciscan friar, appointed by the pope 1423, but never consecrated. Then follows the name of Thomas Burgh. 2. Robert Portland, Franciscan friar, 1429, but not consecrated. The name of Thomas occurs again as succeeding in 1431; and then follows 3. Robert of England, also a Franciscan friar, appointed by the pope on Thomas's death, 1444, but rejected, or appointed bishop of Tiberias, in Galilee. The Robert whose will we print died titular bishop of Emly in 1441.

P. 12, l. 8. *Armilausa seu collobium.* Probably a garment partaking of the character of a cloak and a sleeved tunic.

P. 12, l. 8. *Vnum pannum depictum cum historia Roberti Regis Cesilie.* The patron of Petrarch, who died in 1343. Can the story have any reference to the wasting away of his flesh, which he witnessed for some time before his death (Vit. Petrarc. lib. v. epist. i. 639, and lib. vi. epist. v.), and so be connected with the history of those wasted figures which are frequently met with on sepulchral memorials?

—— l. 11. *Donge.* A mattress. Way's Prompt. Parv. p. 127.

—— l. 12. *j. pruce hutche.* In John Baret's will (p. 23), occurs this item: "And as for the *prews* coffre alwey I wille remayne to my hefd place, and iij. of the fotyd stolys therto." "A prewce cofer" is mentioned in the will of Wm. Bevill, of Chesterton, Hunts. dated 1487 [Nicolas's Test. Vet. 781]; and in the will of Johan Warde, of Glemsford, widow, 1520 [Lib. Johnson, f. 78], occurs "my prosse and myn hutche on the soler." It appears to signify a chest or coffer of foreign construction, imported probably by way of the Baltic, from Prussia.

—— l. 21. *Et j. le frende pellure.* Foreign fur. See Way's Prompt. Parv. v. Fremyd, or Strawnge.

P. 13, l. 1. *Lady Ela Shardelowe.* An account of this knightly family may be seen in Gage's Hist. Thingoe, p. 59. The lady Ela's gravestone, stripped of its brasses, remains in the south chancel aisle of St. Mary's church, Bury St. Edmund's. In Weever's Funeral Monuments the name is erroneously printed "*Shantlow.*"

—— l. 9. *Monile aureum cum figura cervi impressa.* The badge of Richard II. John Baret mentions (p. 35), his "best herte of gold with aungellys," the supporters of that prince. It was a very favourite ornament with the inhabitants of Bury (vide Index), probably from the visit of that prince to their abbey in 1383, and the authority exercised by Michael de la Pole, earl of Suffolk, his favourite.

—— l. 17. *Ad fabricam novi campanilis mon' de Bury.* See Archæologia, vol. xxiii. 329.

—— l. 27. *Togam meam penulatam cum cropps de grey.* Trimmed with the fur from the cropps, or stomachs, of the grey, or badger. Way's Prompt Parv. 104, 209.

P. 14, l. 7. *Capicium meum penulatum cum letusez.* Chequered or paned with lattice work, commonly called lettuces. "Red lattice" and "red lettuce" are terms frequently used by antient writers to signify an alehouse, in allusion to the chequered table generally painted on the outside.

—— l. 15. *John Baret.* Nothing further is known of this pious and liberal church decorator, beyond what may be gathered from his will, than that he was the son of Geoffrey Barett, or Baret, of Cratfield in Suffolk, and Bury, who died in 1416, [Will in Lib. Osberne, f. 142.] leaving considerable property in Bury to his two sons, William and John. John appears to have filled some office under the abbots of Bury; probably that of *camerarius*, or *thesaurarius*, as the tradition that he resided in the since demolished house called the Exchequer, or Audit house, is confirmed by entries in the contemporary list of Hadgovel tenants, dated 1433, [Harl. MSS. 58, f. 25.] and in the rental of the Sacrist of the monastery for the year 1533. It is probable that he received the right of wearing the

collar of SS., referred to in p. 41 as "my colers of silver of the king's livery," on the occasion of Henry the VIth's visit to St. Edmundsbury in 1433, when that sovereign passed some months between the abbot's palaces at Bury and Elmswell; in which latter house Baret had a chamber (p. 33.) By marriage he was allied to the knightly families of Drury and Clopton; his wife, described as Elizabeth Drury, being probably a daughter of sir Roger Drury, kt. who removed from Thurston to Rougham, and died in 1400. Dying without issue, Baret bequeathed his property to his nephews and to pious uses; and directed his body to be buried under a tomb which he had prepared in his lifetime, and which still remains, in St. Mary's church, Bury St. Edmund's. It is an altar or high tomb, with a cornice of Purbeck marble, surmounted by a recumbent figure in stone of a corpse in a winding sheet, which is laid open to exhibit the havoc which death has made upon the body. On the "selure" around the head are these words *Ego nūc in pulvere dormio;* and under the head and along the side of the body a large scroll inscribed in red letters with blue initials: *D'ne secundū actū meū noli me judicare. Nihil dignū ī conspectu tuo feci. Ideo deprecor magestatē tuā ut tu deus deleas īiquitatē meam. John Baret.*

On the end of the stone on which the figure is recumbent are these verses, in blue letters with red initials:

Ion Ho that wil sadly beholde me with his ie
May se hys owyn merowr ā lerne for to die. Baret.

And underneath, on the pedestal, these verses:

Wrappid in a selure as a ful rewli wrecche
No mor of al myn good to me ward wil strecche
From erthe I kam, and on to erthe I am browht;
This js my natur, for of erthe I was wrowht;
Thus erthe on to erthe to gedir now is knet,
So endeth each creature Q'd John Baret.
Qwerfor ȝe pepil in weye of charite
Wt ȝo^{r} good p^{a}yeris I prey ȝu help me,
For lych as I am right so schal ȝe all be,
Now God on my sowle haue m'cy & pite. Amen.

The north front of this tomb is divided into seven square panels; the first and seventh of which contain, within a quatrefoiled lozenge, the monogram of the deceased, a ſ placed transversely through a ƀ. The colour of the ſ is blue, and that of the ƀ is red. The second and sixth panels have a shield within a quatrefoil. The shield appears to have formerly had the arms thereon in brass, as the rivets remain. Within a quatrefoiled lozenge in the third panel, is a scroll with the word Grace in blue letters with red initial; and within a quatrefoil in the fourth or centre panel is the figure of a man in the costume of the period,—long furred gown, hood, &c. and decorated with the collar of SS.; with both hands he holds before him a scroll inscribed me in blue letters.

This figure was probably designed for a portraiture of John Baret himself. The fifth panel resembles the third, the word on the scroll being gou'ne; thus finishing the motto or "reason" of the deceased, "Grace me Govern."

The east end of the tomb has three panels; the centre adorned with a very beautiful glorified Agnus Dei, within a scroll disposed as a quatrefoil, and bearing these words, alternately blue and red:

Deus propitius esto michi peccatori.

To the east of this monument, against the south wall, is a fine piscina, under a deeply recessed cinquefoil canopy; the back of which is adorned with collars of SS. inclosing the monogram J.B.

The roof of this chantry, splendidly adorned with panels of foliage, &c. is still in excellent preservation. The colours are well preserved, and the whole forms a most interesting remnant of church decoration.

The timber roof is divided into six panels; in each of which are the monogram and collar of SS. as shown in the opposite engraving, and the motto, *Grace me Gouerne*, in large characters, disposed diagonally from N.W. to S.E. the initial G. being of gold. At the intersections of the panel architraves are bosses with the arms of Baret: Argent, a bend sable, between three square buckles gules;* and at each corner of the foliated border within the panel was a tinsel star nailed on to the wood-work.

On the eastern face of the north-western principal of the roof are these words:

In D'no gaudebit aīa mea;

and on the western face of the north-eastern principal:

Laudens D'n'm Gloriose.

On the front of the north-western principal:

Quæ sursum sunt quærite.

Over the arch separating the nave aisle from the choir aisle:

Orate pro anima Johan'is Baret.

the initials of which are very rich.

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* The same arms, the buckles being lozengy instead of square, are to be seen on the monument, in St. Helen's, Norwich, of Thomas son of Christopher Baret, of Yarmouth, gent. 1721. This family was of Horstead. See Blomefield's Norfolk, iv. 378.

Over the south window:

Alleluia. Soli Deo Honor et Gloria.

and over the nave arch,

Nos cum prole pia benedicat Virgo Maria. Amen.

The spandrils of the arch are powdered with collars of SS. inclosing the monogram J.B.

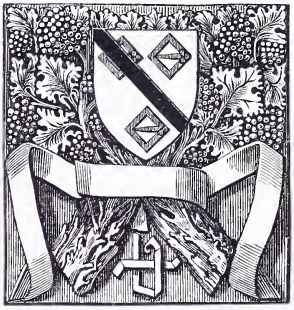
That portion of the roof of the nave which is in line with the roof of this chapel, and "overshadowed the rood," appears to have been decorated and painted by John Baret. On the west face of the curved brace under the hammer beam, on the north side, is

God me Gide.

and on the corresponding curved brace on the south side

Grace me Gouerne.

P. 15, l. 10. *Percloos.* Perclose, a screen, inclosing part of a church for a chantry chapel, or for other purposes. The subjoined cut is believed to represent one of the carved panels of the perclose to Baret's chantry. It was lately discovered among some rubbish in a painter's workshop in Bury St. Edmund's.



—— l. 11. *Candilbeem.* The rood-loft or rood-beam was so called from the great candles, set on high candlesticks, placed on each side the rood or cross. Much emulation was shewn by the faithful in supplying these high candlesticks. John Busshe, of Bury, mason, by will dated 24 Aug. 1508 [Lib. Pye, f. 204], directed his executors to "make a tapeer of wex of halfe a pounde, and sett it on his doble candelstyk of latn, and that to stonde as the highest in Seynt Mary chirche." In 1517 John Rawlyns, tailor, of Bury [Lib. Hood, f. 94], bequeathed xx li. of wex to brenn vpon the rode lofte before the crucifixe as long as it will indur, in the honor of God and owr lady and good seynts;" and in 1536 John Hawkyn, hardwareman, of Bury [Lib. Hollond, f. 40], directed "a tapyr of j lb. waxe to brenne on the rode loft, as they vse the lights ther, the space of ten yers." The candle-beam was not confined to the sacred edifice. Agnes Ridges, of Bury, widow, 1492 [Lib. Pye, f. 39], mentions "my candylbeme that hangyth in my hall w^{t} vj bellys of laton standyng thereon."

P. 15, l. 14. *Graue.* The raised tomb of the testator is invariably called a *graue* in this will.

—— l. 24. *Powder box of silver.* Probably for perfumed powder, which was much used for clothes; or, a caster, like a modern pepper-box, for powdering, or seasoning meat.

—— l. 22. *Halpenye of gold.* The half of a rial, or a piece of gold that passed for 5*s.* was so called. The fourth part of the rial was called a rial-farthing, as appears by an indenture of the Mint, dated 1 Hen. VI. "A ferthing of gold" occurs in line 24. A "penny of gold" was struck in Henry III.'s reign, which weighed two, but was worth twenty, silver pennies. Only one or two specimens are known. The word "halfpence" appears in a remarkable way in the will of Thomas Balkey, otherwise called Thomas Teryngton, butcher, of Bury, in 1497; he directed his executors "to kylle iiij. bullocks at my vijth day, and do them smyte in peces better than halfpens; and every pore body, as ferre as it wyll stretche, have a pece of the same ffleshe, and an halpeny whete loff and a fagott." [Lib. Pye, f. 54.] His intention seems to have been that each poor person should have meat to the value of at least one halfpenny: but the phrase grew to be used to describe any minute division, as in Shakspere's "Much Ado about Nothing," Act ii. sc. 3, we find the Governor of Messina exclaiming, "O! she tore the letter into a thousand halfpence!"

—— l. 30. *A peyre of smale bedys of jeet.* In the will of Robert Fysher, 1478, occurs "j. payr bedys le geet vocat' langget cum divers' iocal' dependent'." [Lib. Hawlee, f. 251.] Beads of jet were regarded as gifted with extraordinary virtue; and to this belief Bp. Bale appears to make allusion, Kynge Johan, p. 39.

"Blessynges with black bedes wyll helpe in every evyll."

P. 16, l. 11. *Mystill.* Beads of different materials; from A.S. *mistl*, various or different. Twenty comb of "mestelyn" occurs in the will of Robert Stanton, of Bury, 1499. [Lib. Pye, f. 86]; and "an acre of mastelyn," in that of Edward Colbye of Cotton, 1538. [Lib. Poope, f. 172.] "Meslin" bread, made with equal quantities of wheat and rye, was common, says Forby, in Suffolk, 50 years ago. A kind of metal was also called mastlin or mestling. Ang.-Sax. *mæslenn*, brass. In an inventory taken at Wolverhampton in 1541, occur two great candlesticks of mastlin, weighing 120 lbs. (Shaw's Staffordshire, ii. 160.)

—— l. 18. *Jemewys of green.* In p. 37 the testator mentions his "iij. bagges, the jemews and the rynges of syluir." The will of Thomas Trewynard, of Bury, priest, 1492 [Lib. Pye, f. 13], bequeaths a "purpyll corse" girdle, "with a lytell gemewe of goold." The *gemews*, it will be perceived, were the metal fastenings. Forby has "Gimmers, small hinges, as those of a box or cabinet, &c." in which sense Chaucer uses *gimmews*. Fr. *gemeau*. See Way's Prompt. Parv. 194, note.

—— l. 33. *Chawntours.* Choristers.

—— l. 34. *Colet.* Acolite, an ecclesiastical officer next in rank below the sub-deacon.

P. 17, l. 5. *Nobill.* The year following the date of this will, 1464, the value of the noble was declared to be 8*s.* 4*d.*; and in 1465 raised to 10*s.*

P. 17, l. 6. *I will no comown dole haue.* That is, he would have no indiscriminate distribution of alms, as was too often the case on these occasions, when the poor, who attended in large numbers, scrambled for small pieces of money or loaves of bread.

—— l. 18. *Oure ladyes fyve joyes.* The five joyful mysteries were, the Annunciation. the Visitation of Elizabeth, the Nativity, the Purification, and the Finding of the infant Jesus in the midst of the Doctors in the temple.

—— l. 19. *Ovener.* Owner.

—— Ibid. *That lewyt.* That is left; A.S. *leue*, to leave. "Half the wood that leuyth" occurs in p. 101.

—— l. 22. *Bellemen.* Bellmen went round the town to call upon the inhabitants to pray for the soul of the departed, that they who heard the name might say, "God have mercy on his soul," p. 21. In p. 28 the testator requires them "to go yeerly abowte the town at his yeerday, for his soule and for his faderis and his modrys." In 1510 Jone Mason, of Bury, widow, [Lib. Mason, f. 1,] directed "the belleman to go abowte the paryssh" at her anniversary and earth-tide, "to pray and reherse the sowles" of all the persons she recited. John Coote (p. 92) "will neyther ryngyn nor belman goynge," but his almsgivings and dinners on his thirty-day "to be don in secrete manner."

—— l. 30. *A messe of prikked song.* A mass sung from pricked or written musical notes. A "messe be note" occurs in the following page.

—— l. 31. *At vij of ye clokke be the morve.* Morrow was the old English word for morning. The priest who said early mass was called the Morrow-mass priest.

P. 18, l. 1. *Whith vestement.* The colour for the altar at all the festivals of the Virgin Mary, according to the ritual of the church of Rome, is white: the vestments of the priest take the colour of the altar. The complete suit is comprehended in the word "vestment."

—— l. 3. *My reson.* Motto. Fosbroke, on the authority of Gough, erroneously calls the scroll on which the motto was inscribed the "reason."

—— l. 4. *Vestement made of white busteyn.* Busteyn, bustiam or bustian, a kind of tissue, the same, says Jamieson [Suppt. Scott. Dict.] as fustian. In Ayrshire bustine still signifies fustian.

—— l. 11. *Edmond Tabour.* See also p. 38. The cause of the testator's anxiety to have the soul of Edmond Tabour specially prayed for appears in p. 41.

P. 19, l. 1. *Her ferme.* Their rent; old French.

—— l. 4. *jnow.* Enow or enough, still generally so pronounced in the East Anglian district.

—— l. 11. *The bulle and the busshoppees seelys.* i. e. papal and episcopal indulgences.

—— Ibid. *Loker of burde.* A box or closet of wood to prevent injury to the seals.

—— l. 15. *Rerdoos and table.* Reredos or screen at the back of the altar, in the centre of which was the triptych or folding picture, of a centre and two leaves. The "story of Magnificat" was probably painted on the centre compartment, or the table, and the "balladys" or rhymes, and the record of the pious deeds of the donor, on either leaf or

lowkys (Ang. Sax. *loc*); so that they might be read whenever the triptych was opened, which was done on all festivals.

P. 19, l. 25. *Hovel.* A canopy or niche. The word "housing" in p. 20, l. 4, is another name for a niche, from *housse*, a cover or case.

—— l. 27. *Candylstykke of laten.* A hard mixed metal much resembling brass, the precise composition of which is, it is believed, unknown. It was most extensively used. In the will of Margare Veere, of Eye, 1540, "white laten" and "redd laten" occur [Lib. Poope, f. 276], and "counterfeit laten" is mentioned in p. 23.

P. 20, l. 6. *iij woytez above my grave.* Probably waits, who used horns or trumpets. The angels with musical instruments in the cove of the roof over his tomb.

—— l. 15. *Hous with the iij tunnys of chemeneyis.* The passage of the chimney was called a tunnel till the beginning of the present century, and the chimney shaft is still called a tun in some parts of the west of England. Clustered chimney shafts were introduced about the date of this will.

—— l. 16. *Hefd place.* A principal residence, what is now understood as "a capital mansion"; Ang. Sax. *hæfd*, head. In the will of Agnes Lark, widow, of Bury, 1503, mention is made of the alienation of a tenement from "the heed place" [Lib. Pye, f. 164]; and John Basse, draper, in his will, 1506, alludes to his "hedhowse" [Ibid. f. 176].

—— l. 20. *Gresys.* The plural of *gre*, a step. Stairs are still called in Norfolk *grissens*. Hence the Grecian Stairs mounting the hill at Lincoln: see a Memoir by Rev. F. Massingberd in the Trans. Archæol. Inst. at the Lincoln meeting.

—— l. 27. A house bearing the sign of the Falcon, a badge of the House of York. Another badge of this royal house is described in p. 37, "a litil fetirlok of gold, with a lace of perle and smal bedys therto of blak." Camden (in his Remaines) states that Edward the IVth bore the fetterlock open with a falcon within it, to show that he had obtained the crown: his great-grandfather having borne a falcon in a fetterlock shut, to indicate that he was locked up from the crown; but see this story examined by Mr. J. G. Nichols, in the Gentleman's Magazine, 1842, vol. xvii. p. 379; where it is shewn that the falcon and fetterlock were not combined in one device until the reign of Edward IV.

P. 21, l. 19. *Awaylle.* Profit or use. In p. 40 it is directed that he that payeth the pension shall have "the wayl that comyth ovir." From this word perhaps come the "vails" claimed by servants, though that word has been generally derived from *vale*, farewell. See Way's Prompt. Parv. p. 17.

—— l. 29. *Abbott's cope.* A tax levied on the town for providing a new cope for every fresh abbot. In 1499 William Fish, of Bury, bequeathed a tenement "to the payment of the Abbott's cope, as oftyn as a new election of the Abbot of Bury is hadde." [Lib. Pye, f. 84.] See also p. 70.

P. 22, l. 8. *Cornell house.* The Prompt. Parv. explains *cornell* by the word frontis-

picium. It was probably a corner house. In the dialect of Herefordshire *cornel* still signifies a corner.

P. 22, l. 9. *Petauncere.* An officer of the monastery, whose duty it was to distribute the *pitancia*, or pittances of meat and drink (see pp. 6 and 16) allowed to the monks and others connected with the monastery on particular occasions, over and above the stated commons.

—— l. 31. *Ostilment.* Sometimes written hostiliaments and hustilmentys, household furniture; from old Fr. *oustillement*, movables. Way's Prompt. Parv. p. 255.

P. 23, l. 1. *Trampson.* The transome is usually considered to be that part of the bedstead which is between the two head-posts, and is frequently elaborately carved; but the general association of the word with feather beds would lead us to think the bolster was meant; in which sense Cullum [Hist. Hawsted, 119] explains the synonymous word *traversin*. Agas Herte, in her will, 1522, mentions (p. 115) "a ffetherbed, ij. trawnsoms, a matras, ij. pelowes, iiij. payer of schets," &c.; and also (p. 116) "a fetherbed, a matras, a bolster, ij. pelowes," &c. See also p. 136. No instance has been met of the use of the two words in directing the bequest of one set of bed furniture.

—— l. 1. *Costerys.* The hangings of the walls.

—— l. 2. *Greet pilve.* Pillow.

—— l. 6. *Esteryeh burde.* In the will of Johanna Stevens, of Bury, widow, 1459, occurs "duo scabella de estryche boord." Phillips has "Estregbords, boards, deal or fir, brought from the Eastern parts for wainscoting and other uses."

—— l. 8. *The grettere hol basyn.* Ang. Sax. *hol*, cavus. Hollow basons occur in p. 82. Shallow basons were called "flat" basons. In the will of Margareta Thruston, wydowe, 1471, is this item: "j. peluem laton voc' anholbasyn, j. peluem laton voc' a flatbasyn." [Lib. Hawlee, f. 164.]

—— l. 9. *ij. lowe candylstikkes of asorth.* Like one another, a pair.

—— l. 16. *The coronacion of oure lady.* This was a very favourite subject in medieval sculpture and art. The Virgin is usually represented seated, by the Saviour's side, on a throne or seat of similar elevation as his, and the Saviour places a crown on her head. A specimen, from Ely Cathedral, is engraved in Carter's Painting and Sculpture, sculp. pl. iii.

—— l. 18. *Banker.* A covering, generally of tapestry, for a chair, form, or bench, so explained in p. 101; Fr. *banquier*. Bankers for cupboards occur in p. 25.

—— l. 25. *Chargeour.* The dishes in which joints of meat were served, sometimes called "flat peces." See Way's Prompt. Parv. *v.* Charyowre, p. 70.

—— l. 27. *Chetill.* A kettle. Ang. Sax. *cetil*.

—— Ibid. *A litell chafour with a beyl.* A handle; Fr. *bailler*. Handles are still called bails in East Anglia.

—— l. 28. *A trewd, a gredyle.* The "gredyle" was an iron plate upon which bread was baked. "Trewd," a trivet?

—— l. 29. *Boord clothes.* Table cloths. Way's Prompt. Parv. p. 44.

P. 24, l. 8. *Duffous.* Dovehouse.

P. 24, l. 10. *xij s. of white rente.* Quit rent. In the "Anturs [Adventures] of Arther" white is spelled "Quyte."

—— l. 15. *Mekilhornyngiserd, Litilhornyngiserd.* The now consolidated parishes of Great and Little Horningsherth, commonly called Horringer.

—— l. 24. *And though William rewle hym to haue it.* See also p. 30, l. 28, and p. 33, l. 27. A very rare use of the word rule, as of a convention or order appointed. The order of a judge is still called a rule.

P. 25, l. 9. *Barnagge.* Alexander Neccham, who died in 1227, gives in his treatise *de naturis rerum* a curious account, "de ave que vulgo dicitur bernekke," which grew, as he asserts, from wood steeped in the sea, or trees growing on the shore. Vide Prompt. Parv. p. 32, note.

—— l. 24. *Cofferys.* Chests, trunks, or boxes of all forms and uses, were called coffers, from Fr. *coffre*. Still used in East Anglia.

P. 26, l. 2. *Thrifty man.* A curious use of this word. It is synonymous with "man of wourshepe" in l. 15; a "wurshipfulman" in p. 27; "most notable and wurshipfull men" in p. 40; and "probioribus et magis sufficientibus hominibus" in p. 70. It means well-to-do, "thryfty, *vigens.*" Prompt. Parv.

—— l. 16. *Howsyng.* Housen, old Eng. plural of house.

P. 27, l. 3. *Comown all the dowtys and pereilys.* Commune. Way's Prompt. Parv.

—— l. 4. *A wys.* Advice; written also *avys, avyse, avyce.* In the same page occurs *awysement*, from avisamentum; and in p. 39, "be wyse of good masonys."

—— l. 31. *The Aldirman, dye of Candilmesse gild.* In p. 77 the "Aldyrman, dye, and auditours," of the gild are enumerated; and in p. 80, "the aldyrman and dye of the seyd gylde for the tyme being" are to have, under the will of Margaret Odiham, dated 1492, "yerely wythoutende for ther labor ij*s.*" In the accounts of the Guildhall Feoffees, Bury St. Edmund's, for the year 1570, the Alderman "prayeth allowance for iiij *li.* paid to the *Dee* for bringinge forthe of the dynner; xl*s.* for his owne ffee, and xl*s* for the *Dee's* fee." Similar entries occur in each succeeding year till 1583; the fee, differing in amount in different years, being always the same for the Alderman and the *Dee.* In the Registr. Pynchbeck, f. 228, (Pub. Lib. Camb.) is a copy in old French of "the charter extorted by force of arms and fear of death from the Abbot and Convent by John de Barton, tailor, who conducted himself as alderman of the town of Bury. This charter, which was annulled by the justices of the king in the 2d of Edward III. (1328), after granting to the alderman and commonalty the wardship of children and orphans, "with sufficient surety to render account to the alderman," authorises "the alderman and commonalty, by their *dyes* and officers, to distrain the surety to render account of the said things, and to make execution thereof," &c. Mr. Way suggests that "the term *dye*, as used in Baret's will, may be the Angl. Sax. dugeth, or duguth, honorable, *probus;* ealder-duguthe, the chief magistrate; the *probi homines*, or prudhommes of the Normans, being much the same as our aldermen."

P. 28, l. 6. *Grawe of resurrection gylde.* The holy sepulchre, which was under the care of a gild that derived its name from assisting at the ceremonies observable there at Easter tide.

—— l. 15. *Vtas.* Octaves.

—— Ibid. *Al lenton requiem.* The short requiem. Shakspere makes Maria exclaim, in reply to the Clown in "Twelfth Night," "a good *lenten* answer;" one that comes short of what might have been expected.

—— l. 22. *Wynde vp the peys and the plummys.* The greater and lesser weights, the latter being probably formed of lead; from Fr. *poids* and *plombs*.

P. 29, l. 17. *The berere of the paxbrede.* The *osculatorium*, or piece of wood or metal, with the Crucifixion thereon, which the priest presented to the people at the conclusion of the mass, to be kissed by them "in token of the peace, unity, and amity of all the faithful, who in that manner, and by its medium, kissed one another with the kiss of charity." The instrument was therefore called a *pax*, and, being commonly of wood, the word *pax-brede*, or *pax-board*, became applied to the pax, of whatever material it was made. Nares's Glossary, voce *Pax*. Archæological Journal, vol. ii. 144—151.

—— l. 30. *They to make attorne.* Appoint a substitute; whence the word attorney.

—— l. 31. *Vys dore.* The door of the newel staircase leading to the rood gallery. Prompt. Parv. has "Vyce, rownde grece or steyer, *coclea*." Thomas Bereve, of Bury, clothmaker, in the year 1525 bequeathed "to the byldyng and fynysshynge of the vise of Seynt James's Chirche xv tonne of ston, and my lord abbot, prior, and the convent, to pay for the caryage of it, vpon this condicion that the vice go forward vpon the said chyrche accordyngly to the covenaunt mad on the behalf of my said lord and the convent, or ellys not." [Lib. Hood. f. 137.]

—— l. 33. *Almarye.* A small cupboard in the wall. A. S. *Almerige*, repositorium, scrinium.

P. 31, l. 10. *The high weye toward the grendyll.* A place near the spot indicated is still so called; and one or two other places in the town fields are so denominated. Forby has "Grindle, a corruption of *drindle*, a small and narrow drain for water;" and Ray has "Grindlet" in the same sense. But it might have reference to the site of a mill, which was called a "grindyn" in the 15th century; and grindstones, according to Nares, were called "Grindle-stones."

—— l. 30. *The Hert of the Hop.* An inn with the sign of a hart upon a hoop, situated in Mustowe Street, Bury St. Edmund's. It is "Hert of Hoop" in p. 40. In the will of the testator's father, Geoffrey Baret, of Bury, 1416 [Lib. Osbern, f. 142], this house is bequeathed to his son as his tenement "in le Mustowe vocatus *le inne atte herte*." Many an old sign consisted of a carved figure set in a hoop. The "Mitre upon the Hoop," "Angel upon the Hoop," &c. occur in old documents; and the common phrase "Cock-a-hoop" has its origin in this practice.

P. 32, l. 5. *The soler above in the ende of the hall.* See Prompt. Parv. 192; Arch.

Journal, i. 218, 370; Notes on the Memoir on the Icknild Way, by Mr. Taylor, Trans. Archæol. Inst. Norwich; and Fosbroke's Encyc. Antiq. 124*. The enumeration of racks and hutches on the soller, in pp. 130, 153, would indicate that the landing, lighted by an oriel window, was the soler. William Coker, of Nayland, "cordiner," in his will, 1570 [Lib. Aldrich, f. 39], enumerates "one chist stondynge at my bed's head vppon the soller."

P. 33, l. 19. *Aldirbest.* The Promptorium Parvulorum has *Aldyrbeste*, optimus; *aldyrleste*, minimus: *aldyrmeste*, maximus, &c. Shakspere uses "alder-liefest," dearest of all.

—— l. 20. *I tendyr here the more.* In p. 37 the testator directs that his debts "in especial be tendryd" before all things. "The shepherd tends his flock;" cares for them, waits on them. Waiters were called *tenders* in East Anglia till recently (Forby); and the word is now used to designate the truck that waits on the railway engine with coals.

—— l. 22. *A long grene coorse of silke.* The coorse or body girdle (the latter word being frequently omitted) was that which went round the body immediately above the hips. It was frequently very costly.

—— l. 23. *Steynyd cloth with vij. agys.* One of those paintings which were used for hangings of rooms; the design representing the Seven Ages of Man, which is supposed to have suggested Shakspere's memorable passage in As You Like it, act ii. scene 7. The Promptorium gives the following account of "The vij. agys. Prima infancia, quæ continet vij. annos; secunda, puericia, usque ad quartumdecimum annum; tercia, adolescentia, usque ad xxix^{m} annum; quarta juventus, usque ad quinquagesimum annum; quinta gravitas, usque ad lxx^{m} annum; sexta senectus, que nullo terminatur termino (non terminatur certo numero. P.); senium est ultima pars senectutis. Septima erit in resurrectione finali." See a dissertation by Lady Calcott in "The Seven Ages," published by Van Voorst, 1840.

—— l. 29. *Kerchys.* Fr. *couvre chief*, or *crevechè*, a covering for the head, but afterwards applied to the same material whether worn on the head, neck, &c. "Night kerchers" occur in p. 146.

P. 34, l. 23. *Alle the best harneys for oon hors.* In 1513 John Fodryngey, of Bury, cook, bequeathed to his son his "hooll harneys called *almoos revett*, with the codde pece therto and the salett, a bowe of ewe oon of the best, and j. sheff arows." [Lib. Mason, f. 29.] Almaine, or German, rivets were a sort of light armour having sleeves of mail, or iron plates, riveted. with braces for the defence of the arms. [Hist. Hengrave, p. 29.]

—— l. 20. *Array.* Articles of dress; raiment. In the will of John Plandon, of Bury, 1491, occurs "myn arraye to my body perteynyng." [Lib. Pye, f. 16.]

—— l. 22. *John Aleyn my child.* Probably a page.

—— l. 27. *Palyd of bukram blew and better blew.* Striped, heraldically termed, paly, (Fr. *pal*, a pale or palisade), light and dark blue.

—— l. 28. *That I vsed to trusse with me.* To trusse, to pack. Beds used in traveling were called "Trussing Beds."

P. 34, l. 34. *My houshold to be kept hool togedyr with alle my meyne.* Dependents; from *mesnie*, old Fr. which Roquefort defines "famille, maison, tous ceux qui la composent." Nares's Gloss. and Prompt. Parv. In the "Anturs of Arther," the word is spelt *mennè*, in Shakspere *meiny*. "Menyal men" occurs in p. 16.

P. 35, l. 18. *Baselard.* A long dagger or sheathed knife, worn by all classes. In armed figures of the 14th and 15th centuries it is sometimes attached to the sword belt; in those of civilians it is suspended to the girdle in front. A baselard in "a sangweyn schede," or sheath of blood colour, occurs in p. 40. See also Prompt. Parv.

—— l. 19. *Maseer with a beend and a foot.* The maser, macer, or mazer (Dutch *maeser*) was a drinking bowl originally made of the maple wood, whence its name, which was afterwards applied to all bowls of the same form, or for the same purpose, of whatever material made. Those mentioned in the Bury Wills are all of wood, with bands or bonds round the edge, of silver gilt. In the will of Johan Brette, of Bury, widow, 1496, occurs a maser "called the maser with the grette bonde." [Lib. Pye, f. 106.] The value of a "beste maser" is stated in the will of Water Rowte of Bury, 1510, to be 20*s.* [Lib. Mason, f. 4.] Two masers, one with a cover, are engraved in Archæological Journal, ii. 262.

—— l. 21. *My book with the sege of Thebes in Englysh.* The work of his versatile contemporary Dan John Lidgate, a monk in the same monastery in which the testator held some lay office, and was probably presented to him by the poet, whose death took place two years before the date of Baret's will. "ij. Inglyshe bocks, called Bochas, of Lydgat's makyng," occurs in the will of Roger Drury, Esq. of Hawsted, 1493. [Hist. Hawsted, 119.]

—— l. 23. *A knoppe of gold with perle.* Any protuberance, as a button or bud; from Angl. Sax. *cnæp*, a top. In p. 36, l. 24, it occurs as "a knoppe, othir wyse callyd a tufft, of blak sylke."

—— l. 24. *A rowund ryng of the kyng's silver.* A ring blessed by the king? Cf. p. 41.

—— l. 25. *My heavy peys noble wich weyeth xxs.* My heavy weighing noble, Fr. *poids*. At the date of this will the noble was current for 6*s.* 8*d.* (see p. 17), and its weight by the Mint indenture 108 grains; but Henry IV. coined a noble before his 13th year which weighed 120 gr. as did Richard II.'s noble, and that struck in Edward III.'s 27th year. The latter king in his 18th year struck a noble weighing $138\frac{6}{13}$th gr. and in his 20th year another weighing $128\frac{4}{7}$ths gr. The first of these two, known to numismatists as the heavy noble, is doubtless the one referred to. "An old noble which is worth ix*s.*" was bequeathed to the same shryne of St. Edmund by Walter Rowte of Bury, in 1510. [Lib. Mason, f. 4.] "A red nobyll" occurs in the will of Elizabeth Howe, of Preston, 1537. [Lib. Poope, f. 28.]

—— l. 29. *Fertrerys.* The keeper of the shrine was called a *feretrarius*, and the shrine itself a *feretrum*. See also Prompt. Parv. *v.* Feertyr, p. 157.

P. 36, l. 1. *A ryng of gold with bolyonys.* In p. 116 we have "a pewter basen with bolyouns," and in p. 82 "ij. flat basyns of laton, wherof one is with bolyons." Ornamented

with semi-round knopps. Ang. Sax. *Bælig*, a bulge. The ring probably resembled the decade rings figured in Arch. Journal, vol. iii. p. 198, vol. v. pp. 63, 64.

P. 36, l. 8. *A spoon of berell.* The beryl is a precious stone of a sea-green colour; but a finer description of green crystal glass was so called in the 14th and 15th centuries. Speght's Glossary to Chaucer, and Prompt. Parv.

—— l. 25. *A litil nowche of gold with smal perle and stoonys.* The nowche or ouche was a stud or setting for jewels of any form or material, derived, says Tyrwhitt, from *nocchia*, a boss, clasp, or buckle. The nowche of the text might have been in the form of a buckle, the testator bearing for his arms three buckles.

P. 37, l. 4. *A byl.* A kind of halberd.

—— l. 16. *My best gypcer with iij. bagges, &c.* Fr. "*gibbecière*, a pouch, bag, poake, budget" (Cotgrave), properly such as was used in hawking, &c. but commonly worn by the merchant, or with any secular attire. Chaucer says of the frankelein, or country gentleman,

> " An anelace [dagger] and gipsere all of silke
> Hing at his girdle, white as morow [morning] milke."

In the inventory of valuables the property of Hen. V. A.D. 1423, is enumerated "*j. gipcer de noier velvet, garniz d'or, pris* 66*s.* 8*d.*" [Rot. Parl. iv. 215.] See Promptorium Parvulorum, edit. Way, and Archæological Journal, i. 251. From the mention of the testator's " whistel of silver," in p. 41, l. 18, and the separate bequest (ib. l. 20) of his merchant's pouch, it was most probably his hawking gypcer: the whistle was used to send off and recall the hawk.

—— l. 32. *Avers.* A worse.

—— l. 34. *Calyon and moorter.* The ordinary flint and boulder walls of the Suffolk churches. Fr. *caillou.* See Prompt. Parv. *v.* Calyon.

P. 38, l. 10. *Whoos bodyes I have causyd to lese sylvir.* The word *lese* is used in the " Anturs of Arther " for lose. " To lose silver " meant to sustain any loss; the expression worth but " little silver " is still, says Forby, occasionally used in East Anglia to denote anything of little value; but in the case of the testator it may perhaps have a literal sense. See p. 41.

P. 39, l. 4. *Sette here ageyn the bowtell.* An old English term for a round moulding or bead; also for the small shafts of clustered pillars, window and door jambs, mullions, &c. probably from its resemblance to the shaft of an arrow or bolt. [Oxf. Gloss.] The bowtell in the text is the single shaft or column rising between two windows and supporting a corbel of the timber roof. See Professor Willis' Architectural Nomenclature, Trans. Camb. Antiqu. Soc.

—— l. 8. *Foorme of stoon that longith vnto the wyndowe.* The window sill.

—— l. 16. *Awoydid.* To be removed so that the place be a void or clear space.

—— l. 23. *The bem there the iij. kynges be.* Figures of the three kings who went to Bethlehem to offer gifts to the infant Jesus.

P. 39, l. 23. *The Jesse.* A genealogical tree, proceeding from a reclining figure of an old man (Jesse), our Lord's genealogy being represented by figures in the branches, and terminating with the figure of the Virgin with the infant Jesus in her arms. The most remarkable example remaining in England is one of the chancel windows at Dorchester, Oxfordshire.

—— Ibid. *Our lady with the virgeneys afore her.* Apparently some conventional subject of ancient art: perhaps one in which a group of virgins with several musical instruments were represented worshipping the Virgin.

P. 40, l. 10. *My owune seel of silvir, therin a egle with scripture.* His *secretum*, or private seal, with, perhaps, the emblem of St. John. His "signet of gold with a pellican and his armys grave therin," is noticed in p. 38.

—— l. 29. *My silver forke for grene gingor.* Pots of green ginger were frequently sent as presents. [Fosbroke's Encyc. Antiq. i. 397.] Coryat, in his "Crudities," would make it appear that the use of forks at table dated from a much later period than the times of the testator. An earlier instance of the use of this implement may be cited, from the Wardrobe Book of 25 Edw. I. 1297. See further in Archæological Journal, iii. 179.

P. 41, l. 11. *My crampe ring.* Cramp rings were used as preservatives against fits, having been first consecrated on Good Friday with peculiar ceremonies by the king or queen regnant. Miss Strickland (iv. 206) claims it as the peculiar privilege of the queens. In Burnet (vol. ii. p. 266 of Records) is to be found the whole Latin formula of this office as written for the use of Queen Mary I. It is said to owe its origin to the virtues of the ring given by Edward the Confessor to the pilgrim, and which ring always appears as the symbol of the royal saint. The superstitious use of these rings is not entirely abandoned in Suffolk. A recent instance occurred at Hengrave, where nine young men of the parish each subscribed a crooked sixpence to be moulded into a ring for a young woman afflicted with fits. [Hist. Thingoe, xxvi.] See Nares and Brand's Popular Antiquities.

—— l. 16. *My girdyl of tawny silk with poyntes of nedilwerk.* Opus punctatum, worked with the needle, a variety of which was counterpoint.

—— l. 19. *My botorecle set in gold with nedil werk.* Probably a buckle; the testator's arms being a bend between 3 buckles.

—— l. 21. *My best gay cup of erthe kevvryd, or ellys oon of the frerys, to chese of bothe.* This, Mr. Way informs me, is an early instance of the use of any *fictile* vessel as an object of luxury or estimation in domestic use. Was the "gay cup" of oriental ware, or the gay painted crockery of Italian manufacture? "Oon of the frerys" was probably a vessel made in the similitude of a friar. There is one earlier instance of pottery mentioned as an object of estimation prior to the 16th century. In the inventory of valuables of Edw. III. and Ric. II. taken at the accession of Henry IV. occurs "un cruskyn (or small cruse) *de terre blank*, hernoisez d'argent endorrée, ove un covercle enbatelle, enaymellez dedeinz ove j. babeuyñ, pois' ij lb." This was probably the old pure white porcelain, for it occurs with cups of oriental origin, the "gripesei," or ostrich egg,

attributed to the griff or griphon, and the "nutte" or cocoa nut. [Kalendars of the Exchequer.]

P. 41, l. 25. *Both my colers of silvir, the kyngs lyfre.* The livery collar of Edward the Fourth, the reigning sovereign when John Baret made his will, was composed of roses and suns with the lion of March as a pendant. John Baret's collars, however, which are displayed in his chantry chapel, are those of the house of Lancaster, composed of esses, with no other pendant but a trefoil ring. On collars of the royal livery see some interesting papers in the Gentleman's Magazine for 1842, by Mr. J. G. Nichols.

P. 44, l. 32. *Unam vaccam sufficient' pro ijbz cereis ardent' coram imagine beate Marie.* A very frequent bequest, often accompanied with express directions as to the letting and renewing. John Cleris, of Ampton, in 1530, bequeathed "to the sepulchre light in Ampton Church, to continew for evyr, too melche nete to be leten by ye churchwardens for the tyme beyng, and halfe part of the mony comyng yeerly of the letage of the sayd nete to go to the fyndyng of the seyd light, and the other half to bye another melche neete, so that the stoke may evyr be renewyd and encresyd, and the mony comyng of the letage of every and all thes seme nete to go to mayntenance of the sayd light to contynew perpetuall." [Lib. Brett, f. 54.] In 1537 Elyzabethe Howe, widow, of Preston, gave "to the hole townsell of ye town of the parrysshe of Preston, iij. neat for to kepe an obytt perpetually, and the same neat to be let by the townsell of the hole towneshype of Preston aforsayde for xvj*d.* a yere a pese of them." [Lib. Poope, f. 28.] In 1542 Water Howlet, of Woodditton, bequeathed "two bullocks euer quicke and neuer deade," for an obit for ever. [Lib. Leme, f. 66.] These were most probably milch cows, for "melche bullocks" occur in one will, and "my blacke bullocke y^t^ is with calfe," in that of William Rought the elder, of Rickinghall, 1 Eliz. [Lib. Paynter, f. 122.]

P. 51, l. 1. *To euery housold keper in the town iiij d.* Margaret Veere, of Eye, widow, 1540, in directing a similar distribution of iiij *d.* to each of 40 householders of Eye, adds this condition, "*that dothe not gether abrode in the cuntrey.*" [Lib. Poope, f. 276.]

P. 53, l. 16. *A brasse potte.* The will of Philip Cowper, of Bury, weaver, 1512, disposes of a "bras potte called a scrayfote potte. [Lib. Mason, f. 15.]

P. 55. *John Smyth.* Alderman of Bury St. Edmund's 3 Edw. IV. 1464. His bequest of lands to the use of the inhabitants of that town originated the extensive charity known as the Guildhall Feoffment. A portrait of this benefactor is preserved in the guildhall; and a gravestone in St. Mary's church, with the effigies in brass of a man and his wife, are believed to be his memorial. A gravestone by its side records the death, in 1650, of his last descendant, John Smyth, of the Middle Temple, gent.

P. 57, l. 26. *Eueri article to take pleyn effecte.* Fully carried out, *plene;* "playne" occurs in p. 60 in the same sense.

P. 75, l. 12. *My grene worsted coverlyght.* In the will of Margarete Cowbregge, widow, 1480, occurs "j couerlighte of Bukkeshorne grene."

P. 78, l. 23. *Meve and store.* Move and stir. Forby has *stoor*, to stir, from Teut. *stooren*, movere.

P. 79, l. 17. *Markett stede.* Stede, Angl. Sax. a place. "In the stede of an alderman," occurs p. 78, l. 5. Homestead and Fairstead are still generally used in Suffolk.

—— l. 23. *Placebo and Dirige.* The anthem "Placebo Domino in regione vivorum," with which the vespers for the dead open; and the anthem to the first nocturne in the matins of the office for the dead, "Dirige, Domine Deus meus, in conspectu tuo viam meam." The term dirge is an abbreviation from the Latin *dirige*. [Gage's Hist. Hengrave, 112.]

P. 82, l. 4. *Cophor stonding at the North gate with a cheyr therby.* Probably provided for a hermit. There were hermits at all the Bury gates.

—— l. 11. *A sars of laton.* A sieve or cullender. "j sarche of tre," a wooden sieve, occurs in the Fastolfe Inventory. [Arch. xxi. p. 27.]

—— l. 16. *A peyre bedys of jeete, gaudied with corall.* "Gauded gold" occurs in p. 144. A pair of beads was the term for a string of beads, used as a mechanical help to ascertain the number of their prayers, from Ang. Sax. *bede*, a prayer. Every tenth bead was succeeded by one larger and more embellished than the rest, and called a *gaude*. The gauds were for Paternosters, the beads for Ave Maries.

P. 84, l. 6. *My feffoors to delyuer strengthe jn as moche londe.* A curious use of the word in the sense of power and authority. Another instance occurs in the will of John Bewchyr, of Ixworth, 1530. "I gyve all my strength that my mother gaue me, Margaret Bewcher by name, I gyve nowe all my strength to John Wallgore for to gyve or to sell all the goods, houses, and londes, &c." [Lib. Longe, f. 42].

P. 86, l. 5. *Lady Cecyle, late Duches of Yorke.* Daughter of Ralph Neville first Earl of Westmerland, wife of Richard Duke of York, slain at the battle of Wakefield in 1460; and mother of King Edward IV. and King Richard III.

—— l. 12. *To pray for all tho that I am dette bownde to do.* Peter Frere, of Wickhamskeith, gentleman, a century later, thinking prayers for the living preferable to those for the dead, directed that the poor to whom the burial dole should be delivered were to be desired to pray "to God for his blessing upon his posterity." [Lib. Stevens, f. 296.]

P. 87. *My lord William of Suffolk.* This person, who is not mentioned by Dugdale, in his Baronage, was the younger son of William de la Pole, first duke of Suffolk. His wife the lady Katharine was the third daughter of William second Lord Stourton. See

the pedigree of De la Pole in Frost's Notices of the Early History of Hull, 4to. 1827, p. 31.

P. 88, l. 19. *My syde tawney gowne.* Ang. Sax. *sid*, ample, broad, spacious; in which sense Shakspere uses "side-sleeves" in Much Ado about Nothing, act iii. sc. 3. Modern East Anglians, according to Forby, strangely depart from the ancient meaning; saying, "This sleeve is too side, it must be let out."

—— l. 31. *A seynt Antony crosse.* A tau cross. In the will of Thomas Clerk, of Bury, gent. 1506, [Lib. Pye, f. 190] "a tau crosse of gold weyng iij *li.*" is bequeathed to his wife; and in that of Katryn Smere, of Bury, widow, 1527, occurs "my best towelly w^{t} ye crosse of Seynt Antony." The tau cross was borne in the armorial coat of the Drurys of Hawsted, near Bury; having been assumed, says Sir John Cullum, by Nicholas Drury, as an augmentation, in consequence of having been in the expedition to Spain with the Duke of Lancaster in 1386. [Hist. Hawsted, p. 131.]

P. 89, l. 3. *Lady Elisabeth the Duches of Suffolk.* Daughter of Cicely, Duchess of York, before-mentioned; sister of King Edward IV. and King Richard III.; and wife of John de la Pole, created Duke of Suffolk in 1463.

P. 91, l. 25. *A sperver of sylke.* In p. 135 "spurver curtanys" occur; and in the will of Elizabeth Drury, 1475, is "a white bedde made sparverwyse." [Hist. Thingoe Hund. 283.] The etymon of sparver is uncertain. Can it be from Ang. Sax. sparran, *abdere*, to shut or close? The tents in the arms of the Company of Upholsterers are called in their patent, 5 Edw. IV. *Spervers.* Horman, in his valuable Vulgaria, says, "Some haue curteynes, some sparuers aboute the bedde to kepe awey gnattes—conopeum lectum circumspergunt." Thomas's Italian Dictionary, 1548, has "*Padiglione* (Italian), the pauilion or the sparuiour of a bedde." In an account of the expenses of the King of Scotland, 1474, is this item: "For 4 elne & ane halue of tartane for a *sparwort* abouin my lord princes cradill, price elne 10*s.*" [Maitland's Scotland, i. 327.] In Nichols's Leicestershire, iii. 265, note 1: "Then every of them [4 yeomen] stuck up the aungells about the bedde and lette down the corteynes of the bed, or sparver."

—— l. 26. *A cowntyrpointe.* A coverlet composed of counter points or panes of various colours, contrasting with each other. Counterpane is the same thing.

P. 92, l. 18. *At my buryng day there be delte xl s. in brede at my door.* The door of the house of mourning was crowded by beggars. Laurence Smyth, 1481, directs "j *d.* and a ferdyng lof," to be given to "every poure and nedy coming to the dore suyng." [Lib. Hawlee, f. 325.]

P. 93, l. 29. *A graveston of marbull.* John Gallaunt, of Bury, tailor, 1526, directed to "be bought a marbull ston to ley on my grave to the value of xls." [Lib. Hood, f. 132.]; and Robert Heynes, the elder, of Sudbury, one to the price of "xxvj*s.* viij*d.*" [Lib. Brydone, f. 160.]

P. 94, l. 16. *Ayen.* Against. In p. 54 occurs "dischargyng ther conceyens ayens God."

P. 96, l. 26. *A part be gevyn to poor maydyns at ther maryage.* Marriage gifts of pewter vessels are bequeathed in p. 97 ; and William Walker, of Bury, fletcher, 1539, directed all his "peyntyd clothys to be gevyn vnto pore yong copylls y^t^ be newly maryed." [Lib. Hollond, f. 54.]

—— l. 27. *A parte to be spent in hy weyys.* The following item in the will of John Cowpere, late of Hawsted, 1522, will give some idea of the way in which even the principal streets of a town were dependent on private benevolence for being at all in order: "I will that myn executors shall gader and carye, or do gadyr or cary, sex score lods of smale stones w^t^ tho & suche as I have gadyrid all redy, and those I will shalbe leyed in the highweyes betwyx the Southgate and Seynt Mary chyrche where most nede shalbe. And that to be don xx lods yerly til it be don." [Lib. Hood, f. 110.]

P. 98, l. 10. *My coffyr of syprys.* Cyprus chests used for keeping linen clothes in, mentioned in the will of the Countess of Bath, 1561 [Hist. Hengrave, 136]; and in the will of John of Gaunt, Duke of Lancaster, "a little box of Cypress wood" is the depository of "rings, diamonds, rubies," &c. [Test. Vet. 141.] Shakspere makes Gremio, in "Taming of the Shrew," act ii. sc. 1, keep his arras in cypress chests.

—— l. 18. *My corall bedys of thrys fyfty.* The Abbé Prevost (Manuel Lexique) says the rosary consists of fifteen tens (or 150 Ave Marias and 15 Paternosters) in honour of the fifteen mysteries in which the Virgin Mary bore a part.

—— Ibid. *My maryeng ryng with all things hangyng thereon.* Mr. Whincopp, of Woodbridge, who has a large and curious collection of rings, has one, silver gilt, with ten smaller rings thereto, which he says was a decade ring, used instead of beads for numbering prayers. The passage in the text suggests a different use. The will of Marion Chamber, of Bury, 1505, describes her "maryeng ryng" as having "a dyamond & the rubie therin." [Lib. Pye, f. 171.] Inscriptions and posies on wedding rings were common. One found a few years since in the neighbourhood of Bury had this inscription on the inside, "Mulier viro subiecta esto."

—— l. 21. *A tabyll callyd a counto^r^.* See Way's Prompt. Parv. p. 98.

P. 100, l. 3. *A sangred to be prayed for in the bedroule.* The particular service known by this name is not ascertainable. Thome Pakenham, of Ixworth Thorpe, 1504, bequeathed "to the sepulkyr lyght vj hyves of beene to pray ffor me and my wyffe in ye comon *sangered.*" [Lib. Fuller, f. 70]. The bead roll was a catalogue of those who were to be mentioned by name in the prayers for deceased benefactors. It was always read on All Saints' Day.

—— l. 17. *Cobernys, aundernys.* Cobirons were those which supported the spit. In the inventory of "certeyne parcels" at the Guildhall, Bury St. Edmund's, 1584, is this item: "ij cobyrons weighing together cl pounds." Phillips has "Cob-iron, an iron on which a spit turns;" and Forby says the irons hung on bars of the kitchen range to support the

spit are called cob-irons. Aundirons consisted of two upright standards with a bar between for resting the burning wood upon. The standards were frequently much ornamented; and in the time of James I. were sometimes made of silver. "A pair of handerns" occurs in p. 115. They were frequently in two parts, supported by feet in the middle.

P. 101, l. 16. *ij. boffett stolys.* An oval wooden stool, without a back, but with a hole in the seat for the convenience of taking it up. [Cullum's Hawsted, p. 25.] The Prompt. Parv. has "Bofet, thre fotyd stole;" but Forby describes the buffet stool in Norfolk as "a four-legged stool set on a frame like a table, and used as the poor man's sideboard, table, or stool." "Buffett formes" as well as stools occur in the inventory of Katharine Lady Hedworth, 1568, in Wills, &c. of Surtees Society, i. 282. As the *buffet* was a cupboard or sideboard, in France termed also the *credence*, Forby is perhaps correct.

P. 105, l. 26. *Cloth to be set vpon my hers.* The term is derived from the frame for supporting the lights (called *hercia* or *herpica*, from its resemblance in form to a harrow) customarily placed around the coffin on the day of burial. At the date of this will the bier on which the coffin rested was called the herse. In p. 109 "holdyng torches about my herse" occurs.

—— l. 29. *My book of the dowtes of Holy Scryptur to ly and remayn in the cloyster.* R. G. in "Notes and Queries," i. p. 154, considers this to have been a copy of the "Liber Quæstionum Veteris et Novi Testamenti," formerly ascribed to St. Augustin. In 1519, Robert Same, of Bury, chaplain, bequeathed to the church of Wetheringsett "a book called Fasiculus Mors, to lye in the chauncell, for priests to occupye ther tyme when it shall please them, praying them to haue my soule in remembraunce as it shall please them of their charite." [Lib. Hood, f. 62.] In 1509, John Hoore, of Bury, priest, directed his "book called Speculum Sacerdotum to lye vpon the deske before the ferterers at the hygh aughter in the monastery of Seynt Edmunde." [Lib. Pye, f. 203.] A "portos to be cheynyd in the chapell" occurs p. 229.

P. 106. *Maister Henry Rudde, doctor.* Mr. C. H. Cooper obligingly communicates the following note on this learned person:—Dr. Henry Rudde appears to have been employed by the University of Cambridge in a negociation between that body and the town. In the roll of accounts of the treasurers of the town of Cambridge, from Michaelmas, 16 Hen. VII., to Michaelmas, 17 Hen. VII., is this item: "Paid for a breakfast in the inn called the Dolphin, at the time of the meeting had for the matter between the University and the town of Cambridge, there being assembled for the same Mr. Doctors Rudde and Sokebone, Mr. Burgoyn and Wood, 19*d.*" There was a hostel in Cambridge called Rudd's hostel, but it did not derive its name from this Dr. Henry Rudde, being mentioned as early as temp. Edw. I.

P. 107, l. 1. *ij. blynde wyndowes.* The triforium or series of arches between the nave and clerestory are alled "le blyndstorys" in the life of Bp. Cardmey. [Oxf. Gloss. p. 57.]

—— l. 14. *Toward the peyntyng of ix ordrys of Aungelis.* According to S. Dionysius

the nine orders of celestial spirits were—seraphim, cherubim, thrones, dominions, principalities, powers, virtues, angels, and archangels.

P. 110, l. 15. *My tawny gown furred with shankys.* The skin of the leg of a kind of kid, which bears the fur called budge. Phillips.

P. 112, l. 6. *Toward ye ryngers charge off the corfew belle.* The origin of this bequest is thus related by Mr. Gage Rokewode [Hist. Hengrave, p. 11]: "John Perfey, a tenant of the manor of Fornham All Saints, is said to have lost his way in returning from the court to Bury, and to have recovered himself from a perilous situation by accidentally hearing the striking of the *clock* or bell at St. Mary's Bury. This circumstance, if we are to believe a tale not uncommon, led to his devising certain pieces of land which took the name of the Bell Meadow, parcel of the manor of Fornham All Saints, to the churchwardens of St. Mary's, in order that the bell might be tolled in summer regularly at four o'clock in the morning and nine in the evening; and in winter at six in the morning and eight at night. And upon condition that the churchwardens should furnish annually at the lord's court six bottles of French and two of Spanish wine. It is not to be doubted that this endowment for ringing the morning and evening bell of the parish church was to excite the people to repeat the Angelus, according to the general custom in Catholic countries. It may be observed that the Italians call the Angelus bell, *Ave Maria dell' Aurora* and *Ave Maria della Sera*." Mr. Gage Rokewode had not seen the will, which annexes no condition to the bequest. The payment of so much wine was the customary tenure of the land, which formed part of the Babwell lands, appropriated by Abbot Hugh, "ad mensam et ad cameram abbatis." [Hist. Thingoe Hund. 245.] The land is still held in trust for the purposes of the will, and the customary payment is annually made.

—— l. 28. *Euery poor man and woman in my almesse howsyn . . a ffrysed rosat gown.* An inferior kind of woollen cloth, first made by the Frisons. Phillips. In 1599 the Bury St. Edmund's Guildhall Feoffees paid "vs. for fryse to make the bedell a coate."

—— l. 7. *Chirche revis.* Churchwardens, Ang. Sax. *gerefa*, a steward; still retained in sheriff (shire-reve), dike-reve, &c.

—— l. 31. *In the orfwes.* Orphreys, orfray, aufrigium, fringe, facing, or border, of gold tambour work. See Archæological Journal, i. 319.

P. 113, l. 19. *John Alen, on off the barons off the Excheker.* He was constituted fourth Baron of the Exchequer, 18 Feb. 1503-4, [Pat. 19 Hen. VII. p. 1, m. 29,] and his appointment was renewed on the accession of Henry VIII. 25 April, 1510. [Pat. 1 Hen. VIII. p. 2, m. 31.]

P. 114, l. 3. *Richard Pynson, of London, prenter, and Frensheman.* He acquired his knowledge of the art of printing from Caxton, and succeeded Wynkyn de Worde as the third royal printer. He printed several editions of the English translation of Boccaccio, by Lydgate the monke of Bury; and in 1499 an edition of the Promptorium Parvulorum, an East Anglian dictionary.

P. 114, l. 5. *Nicholas Colyn, Frensheman, in Cambrygge.* Query, a relative and agent of Colinæus the Paris printer of Greek and Latin authors.

P. 115, l. 24. *A Seynt Joh'is hede of alabaster with Seynt Peter and Seynt Thomas and the figure of Cryst.* This describes one of those alabaster carvings of the head of Saint John surrounded by figures of other saints, of which one specimen has been engraved in Stukeley's Palæographia Britannica, another in Schnebbelie's Antiquaries' Museum (also given in the History of Leicestershire, vol. iv. pl. lxx. and in Fosbroke's Encyclopedia of Antiquities), and two more in the Gentleman's Magazine for September, 1824. One of these last, which formerly belonged to Mr. John Carter, is in the possession of John Bowyer Nichols, esq. F.S.A. together with a second which has not been engraved, and which Mr. Nichols received from the late Sir S. R. Meyrick, in exchange for another carving which had belonged to Mr. Carter—it is thought also of the same character, but this is not certain. However, still another carving of this design is described in the Gentleman's Magazine for Oct. 1824, by T. A(dderley) of Great Surrey-street, which had belonged about 50 years before to the Rev. Mr. Wickham, of Horrington, in Somersetshire. In all of them the head of Saint John of a large proportionate size occupies the centre ; it has been mistaken for the image of Edessa, for that of Saint Veronica, and for the first person of the Holy Trinity. The figure placed beneath appears to have been generally Christ rising from his tomb ; who in the first example above mentioned (which belonged to Samuel Gale, esq.) is a naked figure seated, the hands tied with cords, and Stukeley thought it represented Saint John bound in prison. In the fourth example (now in the possession of Mr. Nichols,) and in that which belonged to Mr. Adderley, it is the Holy Lamb instead of the human figure of Christ. The saints on either side, figured at whole length, are, in every instance but one, the same as those described in the will here quoted, viz. Saint Peter and Saint Thomas of Canterbury: in Stukeley's specimen, the second is represented as Saint Paul (probably the draughtsman's misapprehension, from the crosier of Saint Thomas having been broken in the original,) and in the rear are placed Saint Katharine and Saint Helen. In the Rev. Edward Duke's specimen (Gent. Mag. ubi supra) the same figures in the rear also occur: Saint Katharine with her wheel, and Saint Helen bearing three nails of the cross. In Mr. Wells's carving (that engraved by Schnebbelie) is also Saint Katharine, and a fourth figure has been broken away. At the summit of the whole design was represented a soul conveyed to heaven by angels. Such is doubtless the true explanation of the constituent parts of these carvings, which have been much discussed and greatly misinterpreted: but the reason or meaning of their being put together in this particular way still remains to be discovered.—

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—— l. 25. *A choche of red sarsenet and grene ffrengyd.* The Glossary to "Wickliffe's Apology for the Lollards," has "chouche, a couch." (?)

—— l. 30. *A gret joynyd cheyre at the deyse in the halle.* The raised platform at the upper end of the hall, whereon sat the host and his principal guests at festivals, was termed the *dese;* Fr. *deis* or *daix.* See Way's Prompt. Parv. p. 119.

P. 116, l. 1. *Pelow beres.* Cloths for laying over the pillow, sometimes of very rich material and work. In Chaucer's "Dreme" we have,

"And many a pillow, and every bere
Of cloth of Raynes, to slepe on softe."

In the Fastolfe Inventory, Arch. xxi. p. 27, "ix. berys for fetherbeddys" are erroneously explained to mean bedsteads.

—— l. 2. *iij. kusshons, ij. with harts, and on of other worke.* Cushions "of forest work" are mentioned in the will of Agnes Gippes, of Bury, widow, 1560 [Lib. Sunday, f. 357]; "with redde bucks," in that of Jane Holt, 1555 [Ib. f. 286]; "with the pyghtur of ye unicorn," Thos. Mosse, 1531 [Lib. Hollond, f. 3]; and "of tapessery werk with braunches," Eliz. Drury, 1475 [Lib. Hawlee, f. 219].

—— l. 15. *A golde corse with beletts.* The ornaments of the girdle were frequently of the richest description. Margaret Newhawe, of Bury, widow, in 1519, bequeathed "j. corse gyrdill of Venyse gold, herneysid with silver and parcell gilt. [Lib. Hood, f. 71.]

—— l. 23. *A grett chest corvyn on the oute syde.* Corvun or kutte, corvone, *scissus*, sculptus. Way's Prompt. Parv. 94.

P. 119, l. 15. *A qwern, iij s. iiij d.* Quern, a handmill; Angl. Sax. *cwyrn.* Mustard quearns occur in p. 220; and malt querns in the will of Thomas Astye, of Weston, 1557. [Lib. Dove, f. 305.] Alice Pechye, of Soham, 1525, directed his quern to be "common to euerie poore man when he hath neede and helpinge to the reparacyon of the same." [Lib. Brydone, f. 310.] The will of William Toly, "quernepykker," 1441, is in Lib. Osbern, f. 247.

P. 122, l. 7. *For the dome peynted.* A representation of the Doom, or Day of Judgment, a frequent subject on fresco in parish churches.

P. 126, l. 7, *One new thrombyed hate.* Probably a hat with very long nap resembling a hat of shaggy fur. They appear often in illuminations: "Thrumm of a clothe, *filamen, villus, fractillus.*" [Prompt. Parv.] "*Irto* (Italian), thrommed, rough, heavie." [Thomas's Ital. Dict. 1548.] A "sylke thrummed hatt" occurs in the will of Elizabeth Bacon, of Hessett, 1570. [Lib. Aldrich, f. 40.]

—— l. 6. *My valentyn Agnes Illyon, x s.* John Aldham, of North Cove, in 1626 bequeathed "to my valentine old Mrs. Beere one ringe of goulde of x*s*." [Lib. Corner, f. 158.] It was customary to draw lots on St. Valentine's Eve for valentines. According to Bourne and Brand [Pop. Antiq. i. 31] "the names of a select number of one sex are, by an equal number of the other, put in some vessel; and after that, every one draws a name, which for the present is called their valentine, and is looked upon as a good omen of their being man and wife afterwards." The custom is alluded to by several of the early dramatists; and in the Autobiog. of Sir Simonds D'Ewes, ii. 162, is a letter from Mr. Wm. Boswell to Sir Wm. Waldegrave vindicating his pupil, Mr. Clopton, and himself, from a report arising from the custom that the former was married or contracted to one of

Dr. Duport's daughters. "About a quarter of a yeare since (he writes), Mr. Clopton was amongst other fellowes and gentlemen of our [Jesus] colledge drawne by paper lotts to be valentine to one of Dr. Duport's daughters: which being tould unto Mr. Clopton he came presently and asked mee what he should doe. I resolved him as the other company did; which afterward giving gloves unto their valentine, wee also bought a paire costing 2*s.* 6*d.* and bestowed them uppon her, which (God is my witness) was done without any such intent as the report falsely carrieth. Neyther did the gentleman or myself ever speake twice unto those daughters in our lives." It appears to have been a fruitful cause of slander. The Diary of Walter Yonge [p. 51] relates in 1621-22, that "it was reported that the King was married to Sir John Croste's daughter: which speech grew upon crossing of valentines as is reported."

P. 127, l. 22. *My portygewe of gold.* A gold coin worth three pounds ten shillings.

—— l. 25. *My Kendall cote.* Made of cloth for which Kendal in Westmerland was famous, usually of a green colour. Falstaff's "three misbegotten knaves in Kendal green" [Hen. IV. act ii. sc. iv.] will readily occur to the reader.

P. 128, l. 24. *lyte brynning before the sacrement.* The sacrament or consecrated wafer was reserved in a ciborium or pyx, suspended over the altar, before which was a lamp continually burning.

P. 129, l. 8. *All my boks, excepte the play boks.* Copies of some of the Moralities, or dramatic allegories, which hold the intermediate place between the Mysteries and the regular drama, at this time much used by the Romanists to satirise the Reformers. Three or four of these Moralities, written before 1550, are printed in Hawkins's Ancient Drama and Dodsley's Old Plays. See also Hallam's Literature of Europe, i. chap. viii.

P. 130, l. 3. *The tramely yn the chemney.* A moveable iron bar over the fire to hang pots on.

—— l. 11. *My bowe and my shaftes.* The will of John Fodryngey, of Bury, cook, 1513, mentions "a bowe of Ewe, oon of the best, and j. sheff arowys." [Lib. Mason, f. 27.]

P. 133. *Barbara Mason, Prioress of Marham.* Blomefield [Norfolk, vii. 392] says that Barbara Mason occurs as Abbess of Marham in 1511, and was the last abbess. At the Dissolution the following crime was laid to her charge: "Barbara Mason peperit semel et fatetur se cognitam a priore de Pentney."

P. 134, l. 9. *The twylt couerlyt.* A quilted coverlet. A quilt is called a *twilt* in East Anglia, as well as in the North. Forby. Or it may be *twilled*, from a peculiarity in the number of threads either in warp or woof, *bilix*, double in one or other direction.

—— l. 21. *A dyeper towell of vij yards longe.* In 1512 John Brymley bequeathed to

the church of Gazeley, in Suffolk, his "large dyaper towayle to hosyll the pepull w^tall at Estern tyme" [Lib. Mason, f. 18.]; that is, to be used at the administration of the Sacrament. In a petition to King Edward the Sixth from the parishioners of Leominster, it is stated that there are in that town 2,000 husselling people—persons who received the Communion. The "holy housel called Christ's body and blood" occurs in Strype's Life of Abp. Parker, 238.

P. 135, l. 22. *Curtanys of dornyks.* A kind of stuff used for curtains, carpets, and hangings, so called from Doornick, or Tournay, in Flanders, where it was first made. There was a celebrated manufactory of dornecks, hats, and coverlets at Pulham, in Norfolk. Agnes Herryes, widow, of Bury, 1560, bequeathed, "j couerlyght of Pulhamworke" to the church of St. James, in that town, "to serue at the mynystration of the cōmunyon." [Lib. Sunday, f. 31.]

—— l. 26. *The bowche of the letter in the botom.* Boss, or projection, caused by stamping a letter on the outside of the bottom. Palsgrave has: "To booce or boce out, as workemen do a holowe thynge to make it seem more apparent to the eye, *endocer*. This broderer has boced this pece of worke very well."

—— l. 31. *New pounced pece.* In p. 116, l. 17, occurs "a powsyd basyn with a rose;" and in the will of John Helpston the elder, of Bury, grocer, 1502, "my best pownsyd peece." [Lib. Pye. f. 139.] *Pounsonnez*, indented or pricked with sharp pointed instruments, a method of ornamenting plate used by the Morescoes, or Moors in Spain, in patterns or shapes of flowers, but principally for letters. [Test. Vet. vol. I. xxxii.] See in Archæologia, xxix. p. 55, Mr. J. G. Nichols's detailed remarks on this term.

P. 136, l. 12. *vj sylver sponys wyth knoppys on thende.* An ornament of any kind at the end. "Knopped with the ymage of our Lady," occurs in the will of Anne Woode, of Bury, 1525. [Lib. Hood, f. 125.] A very favourite ornament on spoons of the age was the bud of a tree or flower, a bunch of leaves about to expand.

—— l. 19. *Gyrdyll of golde callyd a dymysent.* Demi-ceinte, probably a girdle ornamented only in front.

P. 142, l. 19. *Gown of pewke.* The same as puce, a sober brown colour.

—— l. 21. *The Bybyll and the New Testament.* Probably Coverdale's Bible, printed abroad in 1532, and the first English Bible which contained the New Testament.

P. 144, l. 7. *My best coveringe of the Passion.* The weaving of coverlids was a distinct trade. They were frequently bequeathed by ladies, to be used as altar carpets. Joan Drawswerd, of Bury, widow, in 1533, directed her "rede couerlight to lye afore the high auter, at good tymes, and to do other thyngs necessary to be don therwith." [Lib. Hollond, f. 11.] And in 1560, Agnes Herryes, widow, bequeathed to the church of St. James, in Bury, "j couerlyght of Pulhamworke and iij cusshines to serue at the mynystration of the cōmunyon." [Lib. Sunday, f. 31.]

—— l. 34. *My thre great bolles with the cover.* Ang. Sax. *bolla*, any round vessel, cup, pot, or bowl, whether with or without cover or foot.

P. 145, l. 3. *My pomander of gold.* *Pomme d'aumbre*, originally an apple of amber, but afterwards applied to balls of any perfume, and to the utensil in which perfumes were carried about the person. The "muske bal of gold" in p. 35 was a pomander. Cardinal Wolsey's pomander was an orange, with the substance taken out, and filled up with sponge and aromatic vinegar [see his Life by Cavendish]; and the balls resembling oranges which in old portraits and monumental effigies appear in the hands, attached to the wrists, or suspended from the girdle, are pomanders. A silver vessel, like an apple, filled with warm water, for the priest to warm his fingers during excessive cold, to prevent accidents in handling the chalice, was called a pomander. [Pugin's Eccl. Arch. 146.]

—— l. 34. *Flat silver pece, with a collumbyne in the bottome.* In the Fastolfe inventory [Archæologia, xxi. p. 27] are "iiij cuppes gilt, like founteyns, with j columbyne floure enameled in the myddes." The columbine was one of the badges of the House of Lancaster and Margaret of Anjou. Like the willow, it was a token of unfortunate love.

P. 146, l. 5. *Mr. John Eyer, of Bury, esquier.* At the dissolution of the Monastery of St. Edmund he became occupier of the abbatial palace; and, in 1560, in consideration of the sum of 412*l.* 19*s.* 4*d.*, obtained a grant under the great seal of all the site of the monastery, churchyard, &c. [Yates's Bury, 245.]

—— l. 9. *My good neighbour Thomas Cage.* He was one of the churchwardens authorised by the parishioners of the two parishes in Bury St. Edmund's to dispose of the "superstitious church plate," 1 Edw. VI. The produce, says the "Description of Bury," edit. 1771, amounted to 480*l.*, "a great part of which one Mr. Cay sacrilegiously perverted to his own use—the fatal effects of which spoil his family and descendants are said to have had the sad experience of."

—— l. 11. *My best velvet partlet.* The loose collar of a doublet, to be set on or taken off by itself.

—— l. 18. *Oon of my night railes.* A gathered piece of cloth worn by women about the neck in their bed rooms. Angl. Sax. *Nihtes-hrœgel*, a night-gown.

P. 147, l. 11. *A lockerom kercher.* A "lockrome smocke" occurs in the will of Rachell Aggas, of Melford, widow, 1644. [Lib. Meadowes, f. 325.] In Beaumont and Fletcher's "Spanish Curate," "two hundred ells of lockram" are mentioned as being given annually "to poor maiden's marriages;" and in Shakspere's "Coriolanus,"

——— "The kitchen malkin pins
Her richest lockram bout her reechy neck."

It was probably a coarser kind of linen.

P. 150, l. 17. *Syxe hanginge basons of latton.* The use of the hanging bason is shewn in the annexed representation of the interior of a German barber's shop, by Jost Amman; the use of which has been permitted by the Committee of the Bury and West Suffolk Archæological Institute; where a man, whose head has been shaved, appears kneeling

on the second step of a piece of furniture resembling modern bed-steps, and holding his head over a large basin let in the top of it, while water trickles down upon it from a bason hanging by a hook to a peg projecting from the wall, and the barber rubs it with a cloth.

—— l. 27. *ij. molver stones with the runners.* The stone which is held in the hand in grinding colours, &c. is called the muller; Fr. *molleur.*

P. 153, l. 6. *A skillet panne.* "Skillet, a small pot of iron or copper with a long handle." Forby. Gage Rokewode explains the word by "vessels usually made of bell metal." Hengrave, p. 36. Phillips has "*Sceletta*, a little bell for a church steeple, whence our vessels called skillets, usually made of bell metal." New World of Words. The modern stewpan is called a skillet in East Anglia.

—— l. 12. *xx. old shepe and x. hoggs.* Sheep a year old, after the first shearing, are still called hogs and hoggets; N. Fr. *hogetz.* Forby.

P. 154, l. 1. *My bodye to be browght to the erthe wythe out pomp or pryde.* Particular

requests touching the manner of burial are frequent. (See Index.) In 1425 William Calf, capellanus, directed his body to be buried " in linthiamino et non in cista." [Lib. Osbern, f. 177.] Thomas Brown, of Bury, shoemaker, 1535, directed his " body to be caryed vpwards in the strett, and not downwards, as my predecessors hathe ben born towards the churche befor me." [Lib. Hollond, f. 31.] Thomas Medowe, of Bury, scrivener, 1498, required his body to be " fette to chirche with v. preysts and with the iij. parysshe clerks." [Lib. Pye, f. 65.] In 1527 Thomas Chirche, of Bury, bell founder, directed 12*d.* to be given " to euery of the iiij. priests that shall bere my body to chirche." [Lib. Hood, f. 154.] William Clovyer, of Chelsworth, 1541, charged his wife, " to brynge me vnto the herthe honestly accordynge to my value." [Lib. Poope, f. 236.] And Alice Cosyn, of Fornham, 1524, directed her " great hutche, a potte, and a panne, to be sold to bringe her to the yearthe." [Lib. Brydone, f. 202.]

P. 155, l. 4. *Pack sadell withe a newe wante and wantyrop withe the best girt.* Phillips has " wantey (country word), a sursingle, or large girth for a pack horse," and " sursengle, a long upper girth to come over a pad or saddle, especially such as are used by carriers to fasten their packs." Tusser, in his " Husbandry Furniture," enumerates " a pannell and wanty, packsaddle and ped." Raynbird [Agriculture of Suffolk] explains wanty by " womb tye."

—— l. 5. *A malyn lyne withe my woadfat coveryngs.* A small line composed of two strands a little twisted, used for winding round rope cables, to prevent their being fretted by the blocks, is called a *marline* by our sailors; and a *merlin* in Spanish and *merlini* in Portuguese. Query woadfat coverings?

—— l. 15. *The skryne.* Screen.

—— l. 17. *The shine and tyle in the howse or yarde.* Shingle, or wood tiles, made of cleft oak, were formerly extensively used, but are now seldom seen except on timber spires of churches.

P. 156, l. 10. *One black stered heckforde of the age of two yeres.* A " black hewed hecfurth " occurs in the will of Thomas Hovell, of Burwell, husbandman, dated 1540. [Lib. Poope, f. 263.] And Forby mentions " heckforthes " as occurring in a Norfolk will of 1579. The Prompt. Parv. has *hefkere*, which is the modern pronunciation in Norfolk.

—— l. 12. *One payer of harden shetes.* Made of coarse flax. The coarser parts separated in the dressing of flax or hemp from the *tare* or fine stuff, is called *hards* or *hurds* of flax. Ang. Sax. *heordan*, the refuse of tow.

—— l. 22. *One owlde kave stondyng in the buttrye.* A large tub or vessel used in brewing is called a *keeve* in the West of England. [Jennings's Gloss.]

P. 166. *Lady Anne Drury.* Anne, daughter of Sir Nicholas Bacon, of Redgrave, eldest son of the Lord Keeper Bacon, and the first person advanced to the dignity of Baronet, was married to Sir Robert Drury, of Hawsted, knighted at the Siege of Rouen in 1591, M.P. for Suffolk, patron of the learned Dr. Donne, and the last male represen-

tative of the Hawsted branch of that ancient family. She was the mother of two daughters, who both died in her lifetime. Dorothy, who died an infant, and Elizabeth, traditionally said to have died from a box on the ear given to her by her father. Surviving her husband, she erected a monument, the work of Nicholas Stone, to his and his father's memory, in Hawsted church; and dying at Hardwick House, 5 June 1524, "was buried in Hawsted chancel the next evening, the register alone recording her death, though she had left a void space after her husband's epitaph for the insertion of her own." [Cullum's Hawsted, p. 147]. Sir John Cullum, who prints several wills of the Drurys from the Bury Registry, appears not to have seen this interesting will.

P. 166, l. 27. *My nephew Robert Bacon.* Eldest son of Sir Robert third baronet, in whose lifetime he died, 25 Aug. 1652.

—— l. 29. *Sister Gawdie.* Dorothy, second daughter of Sir Nicholas Bacon, first baronet, and wife of Sir Bassingbourn Gawdy, Knight. She afterwards married Philip Colby, esq.

—— l. 30. *Sister Waldegrave.* Jemima, third daughter of Sir Nicholas Bacon, first baronet, and wife of Sir William Waldegrave, Knight. She afterwards became wife to Henry Killigrew, esq.

P. 167, l. 10. *Honorable Lord Burley.* William Cecill, Lord Burghley, who succeeded as second Earl of Exeter in 1622, the year following the date of this will, and died in 1640. His "noble ladie" (l. 11) was Elizabeth sister of the last Sir Robert Drury of Hawsted.

—— l. 12. *My dere sister Cecill, the furniture and plate of my chapel.* Lady Anne Drury resided at Hardwick House, now the seat of the Cullums, during her widowhood, and in 1616 procured a renewal of the licence for a chapel there. "The place chosen for that purpose by this lady of fortune and rank was an absolute cellar; and puts one in mind of those caverns in which the primitive Christians are said to have sometimes performed their religious services for the sake of privacy." Two of her husband's sisters, married into the Cecill family: one, Elizabeth, wife of William, second Earl of Exeter; and Diana, her "dere sister," who was married to his younger brother, Sir Edward Cecill, afterwards Viscount Wimbledon. [Hist. Hawsted, 147.]

—— l. 14. *To my sister Wraye . . . . towards the fynishinge of Hawsted.* This mansion, which had been begun to be rebuilt by the father of the husband of the testatrix, and was still unfinished, descended to his sister, wife of Sir William Wray, of Glentworth, co. Lincoln, Bart. whose son's widow, in 1656, sold the estate to Thomas Cullum, Esq, in whose representative, the Rev. Sir Thomas Gery Cullum, Bart., it is still vested. The little that remained of the house in 1827 was then pulled down. Interesting notices of the old mansion may be seen in Cullum's Hawsted and Gage's Hundred of Thingoe.

—— l. 21. *Mr. Brabon.* Richard Brabon was presented to the rectory of Whepstead, Suffolk, by Sir William Drury, knight, 10 Aug. 1589. [Hist. Thingoe, 401.]

P. 168, l. 3. *Bowzer Giles.* The testatrix's request that her brother Sir Edmond Bacon should take this person into his care and provide for him, appears to have been com-

plied with. In the will of Sir Edmond, dated 1648 (p. 218), occurs "To Bowser Gyles one hundred pounds."

P. 170. *Francis Pynner.* One of the chief burgesses of Bury St. Edmund's and receiver of the Guildhall Feoffment Charity.

P. 172, l. 22. *The late heavy visitacion.* Two years before the date of this will, in 1637, the town of Bury St. Edmund's had suffered very severely from the plague. By a brief, dated Nov. 27, 1638, it appears that "almost all the chiefest inhabitants and tradesmen of Bury St. Edmund's being withdrawn into the country for fear of infection of the plague, yet they were 4,000 persons remaining unvisited, and 103 families shut up, 117 sick of sores and under cure at that time, besides 439 persons that had been cured, above 605 dead, and 263 families then infected, all of them to be maintained at ye common charge of the said town, at the expense of above 200*l.* per week, and they had already disbursed above 2,000*l.* So they desired relief."

P. 179, l. 10. *The feoffment is drawne to soe fewe a number.* A new deed of feoffment was executed in the very year in which Pynner's will is dated.

—— l. 23. *The great loss and calamity of fire.* In the year 1608 there was a great fire in the town of Bury St. Edmund's, thus recorded by Stow: "April 11, being Monday, the quarter sessions were held at St. Edmund's Bury, and by negligence an out malt-house was set on fire, from whence, in a most strange and sudden manner, through winds, the fire came to the farthest side of the town, and as it went left some streets and houses safe and untouched. The flame flew clean over many houses and did great spoil to many fair buildings farthest off, and ceased not till it had consumed in and near St. Andrew's Street one hundred and sixty dwelling houses, besides others; and in damage of wares and household stuff to the full value of 60,000*l.*" A rare black-letter tract published in the same year entitled, "The Woefull and Lamentable Wast and Spoile done by a suddaine fire in S. Edmonds-bury in Suffolke, on Monday, the tenth of Aprill, 1608," has been recently reprinted from a copy in the possession of Mr. W. S. Fitch, of Ipswich.

P. 180, l. 20. *My inlaid playeing tables.* In the will of Joan Stevens, of Bury, widow, 1459, occurs "vnum par de tablis cum chesemen & tabilmenys." [Lib. Hawlee, f. 65]; and in that of Margaret Cowbregge, widow, 1480, "j. tabyll with iij. levys of chekers werk." [Ib. f. 298.]

P. 183, l. 1. *Mr. Edmund Calamy.* The celebrated presbyterian divine. He resigned his lectureship at St. Mary's Church, Bury St. Edmund's, on the publication of Bp. Wren's Articles and the Book of Sports.

P. 185, l. 31. *Table napkins, tare, of the best sort.* Fine linen, the reverse of *harden*, explained in p. 260.

P. 186, l. 4. *My beareing cloath.* The fine mantle or cloth with which a child is usually covered when it is carried to the church to be baptised. Percy.

P. 189. *Two cottages for the habitation of two poor widows.* The almshouse consists of a cottage in two tenements, which are occupied by four poor widows, placed therein by the trustees; and the sum of 10*s.* a year, which is paid by the Rev. W. W. Poley, as proprietor of the tenement Penns, is employed in repairs of the cottage. It is not found practicable to select such poor widows as do not receive parochial relief. [Charity Comm. Report.]

P. 194. *James Bacon, of Burgate, clerk.* Son of Sir James Bacon, of Friston, knt. He died in 1649, and was interred in the chancel of the church of Burgate, of which he was rector.

P. 199, l. 25. *My bookes of Mr. Perkins workes in three volumes.* Mr. Perkins, preacher at St. Andrew's church, Cambridge, was a rigid Calvinist, suspended by Archbishop Whitgift for having declared his approbation of the Book of Discipline. He died in 1602, aged 44, and his works, collected and published in 1606, in three volumes folio, were in high repute among churchmen and dissenters. They have been printed in French, Dutch, Italian, and Spanish.

P. 200. *Jasper Despotin, M.D.* An Italian physician, converted from Romanism through intimacy with Bp. Bedell, then chaplain of the embassy at Venice. He accompanied Mr. Bedell to England, on his return, and was introduced by him into practice at Bury St. Edmund's. Of his professional skill, see Autobiography of Sir Simonds D'Ewes, ii. 123, 143.

P. 201, l. 34. *Mr. Clegatt, minister of St. Maries parish in Bury St. Edmund's.* Ejected for non-conformity, after holding the preachership for eighteen years; and, dying Sept. 12, 1663, was buried in the chancel of that church.

P. 202, l. 9. *Mr. William Bedle, of Rattlesden.* Eldest son of Dr. William Bedell, the celebrated Bishop of Kilmore. He made his escape from Ireland during the persecutions under which his father sunk.

P. 208, l. 34. *A silver beeker.* Becher in German signifies a cup or goblet, as does beker in Dutch and Teutonic. Possibly we derived the vessel to which the name was originally given from Flanders or Germany. The word biker occurs as early as 1348. [Prompt. Parv. note, by Way.] Forby derives the word from Ang. Sax. *bece*, fagus, the ordinary drinking vessels being made of beech-wood.

P. 209, l. 4. *Bandeleers.* Little wooden cases covered with leather, containing the

charge for a musket; of which every musketeer wore twelve hanging on his shoulder-belt.

P. 209, l. 7. "*Synopsis Papismi*: that is, a generall viewe of papistry: wherein the whole mysterie of iniquitie, and summe of anti-Christian doctrine, is set downe, which is maintained this day by the synagogue of Rome, against the Church of Christ, together with an antithesis of the true Christian faith, and an antidotum or counterpoyson out of the Scriptures, against the whore of Babylon's filthy cupp of abominations: deuided into three books or centuries; that is, so many hundreds of Popish heresies and errors. Collected by Andrew Willet, Bachelor of Divinity. London, 1592."

P. 210, l. 18. *Sett out by dooles.* Forby gives this word as still used in East Anglia for a boundary mark in an uninclosed field. It is very often a low post, thence called a dool-post. Ang. Sax. *dælan*, dividere. See also Prompt. Parv.

P. 211. *Sir Edmund Bacon, Bart.* Second Baronet; grandson of the Lord Keeper Bacon; and brother of Lady Anne Drury, whose will is printed in p. 166. He married the Hon. Philippa Wotton, daughter and co-heir of Edward Lord Wotton of Marley; but, dying without issue on 10th April, 1649, was succeeded in the title by his brother Robert.

P. 213, l. 5. *The tomb of my neece Elizabeth.* The beautiful and accomplished daughter of the Lady Anne Drury, whose will is printed in p. 166. She died in 1610, at the early age of 15; and her monument in Hawsted church represents her, all in white, leaning on her elbow, an attitude which is believed to have originated the tradition of her death being caused by grief for a box on the ear by her father. Her epitaph is said by Sir John Cullum to have been written by Dr. Donne, who has also celebrated her memory in an elegy, in which these remarkable lines occur [Hist. Thingoe, p. 438]:

> "Her pure and eloquent blood
> Spoke in her cheeks, and so distinctly wrought,
> That one might almost say her body thought."

P. 216, l. 7. *Lady Wootton.* Hesther, daughter and sole heir of Sir William Puckering, of Oswald Kirk, co. York, and widow of Sir Edward Wotton, created Baron Wotton, of Marley, in 1603, and died 1628.

—— l. 13. *Lady Howell, daughter to the Lord Thomas Wotton.* Thomas Lord Wotton, son and heir of Edward 1st Baron, died in 1630. Dugdale does not give the name of Howell among the alliances of his daughters; but says that Anne married Sir Edward Hales, of Tunstall, Kent.

—— l. 15. *Lady Mentice.* This is a misprint for Meutice. The lady was Anne, daughter of Sir Nathaniel Bacon, K.B. of Culford, co. Suff. by Jane, daughter of Hercules Meautys, and widow of Sir William Cornwallis. She was married first to her cousin Thomas Meautys, Clerk of the Privy Council (great-nephew to Hercules), and secondly to Sir Harbottle Grimston, 2nd Baronet, and died in 1680. [Clutterbuck's Hertfordshire, i. 93, 96.]

P. 216, l. 28. *My brother Sir Butts Bacon, Bart.* Of Mildenhall, co. Suff., third son of Sir Nicholas Bacon, first baronet; was himself created a baronet, 20 July, 1627. In 1755 his descendant Sir Richard, eighth baronet of Mildenhall, became seventh baronet of Redgrave, and united the honours of both branches of the family.

P. 217, l. 1. *Mr. Henry Bacon.* Only surviving son of Sir Butts Bacon, Bart. of Mildenhall, whom he succeeded in the title in 1661.

—— l. 3. *Mr. Payton Bacon.* Third son of Sir Robert Bacon, third baronet, of Redgrave.

—— l. 5. *Mr. Butts Bacon.* Elder brother of Mr. Payton Bacon, and father of Robert fifth baronet, who sold the Redgrave estate to Lord Chief Justice Holt.

—— l. 6. *Mr. Robert Bacon, of Riborowe.* Afterwards third baronet of Redgrave.

—— l. 7. *My great limbacke.* Alembic, a still.

—— l. 8. *Mr. Nicholas Bacon, of Gislingham.* Afterwards created a baronet, being the third baronetcy in the family. This title became extinct at the death of his second son, Richard third baronet, of Gislingham, in 1685.

—— l. 10. *My Iseland cornelian with the antike figure in it.* Antique cornelian intaglios were commonly used as private seals. One found a few years since near to the collegiate church of Stoke by Clare, has a device representing a genius about to present a head or mask to a little fawn, who is dancing before him. It bears on the silver setting the legend, "Jesvs: est: amor: mevs." It is conjectured to have been chosen by some members of the church of Stoke, which was dedicated to St. John the Baptist, from a supposed assimilation to the scriptural history of the delivery of the head of St. John to the daughter of Herodias. This curious seal is engraved in the Archæological Journal, iii. 76, and in the "Proceedings of the Bury Archæol. Institute," i. p 53. Another remarkable instance is the conversion by the monks of Durham of a head of Jupiter Tonans into a "Caput Sancti Oswaldi Regis."

—— l. 21. *Mrs. Anne Butts, my grandmother.* Wife of Edmund Butts, Esq. and mother of Anne lady of the first baronet. The effigy of this lady remains on brass in Redgrave church, Suffolk, with the following inscription around and at the foot of the figure:—

"Anne Bvtts, widdowe, changed this mortall life for an Imortall the 21 of December 1609. She was the davghter and coheyre of Henrye Bvres Esqr, wife to Edmond Bvtts Esqr, and mother to the Lady Anne Bacon wife of Sr Nicholas Bacon Knight, who was her onlye child.

"The weaker sexes strongest precedent
Lyes here belowe, seaven fayre yeares she spent
In wedlock sage; and since that merry age
Sixty-one yeares she lived a widdowe sage;
Hvmble as great, as fvll of grace as elde,
A second Anna had she bvt beheld
Christ in his flesh, whom now she glorious sees,
Belowe that first in time not in degrees."

P. 217, l. 25. *My damaske sword.* Of Damascus steel, a very fine kind of steel, made more particularly at Damascus, remarkable for its excellent temper.

—— l. 26. *Mr. John Craddocke, Minister of Barrow.* He is called Ric. in the list of Rectors of Barrow in Gage's Hist. Thingoe, p. 17. He was rector from 26 Jun. 1608 to 1651.

P. 220, l. 11. *Trundle bedstead.* The trundle or truckle bedstead was that in which the attendant slept in the same chamber; and which was run under the "standing bed" when not used.

—— l. 19. *My watered grogerin gowne, &c.* A coarse thick taffety was called grogram.

—— l. 28. *Musket rest.* A staff the height of a man's shoulder, with a kind of fork of iron at the top to receive the musket, and a ferule at bottom to steady it in the ground.

P. 221. l. 1. *A liuery cupbord* A store cupboard, whence things were *livré* or given out as wanted for use; or probably for the *liveries*, or meal served in the bedchamber temp. Eliz. after supper, which consisted of bread, beer, and spiced wine. A "carpet for the lyvery cubberd" occurs in the will of Elisabeth Coddington, of Ixworth, 1571. [Proceedings of Bury Arch. Instit. i. p. 120.]

—— l. 2. *A keepe.* A safe in which to keep meat from the flies in the summer season. Minshew.

P. 222. *Robert Bacon, of Redgrave, Esq.* Eldest son of Sir Robert Bacon, third baronet of Redgrave. He married Catharine, daughter of Grave Violet, Esq. of Pynkney House, co. Norfolk, and died in the lifetime of his father, 25 Aug. 1652, leaving issue Edmund, afterwards fourth baronet, and four daughters. In the will of his uncle Sir Edmund (p. 219) he is described as of Thornage.

P. 223, l. 8. *My son-in-law George Reve, Esq.* Of Thwaite, co. Suffolk, created a baronet in 1662-3. He married Philippa, one of the daughters of the testator. The lady erroneously assigned to him in Burke's Extinct Baronetage, Elizabeth, daughter and coheir of Sir Robert Crane, Bart. of Chilton, was married to Sir Edmund Bacon, Lady Reeve's brother.

P. 225. *Two daughters Jemima and Frances.* Jemima Bacon was married first to Thomas Gardiner, esq. and secondly to Sir John Brattel, knight; and Frances to Paul Bockenham, esq.

P. 227. *Sir John Tracy, of Stifkey.* Father of Catharine wife of Butts Bacon, esq. brother of the testator.

Erratum.—The history of Robert King of Sicily, referred to in p. 12, l. 8, and in notes p. 233, was the story of "Robert the Devil," a favorite morality of the Middle Ages. The play of "Robert kyng of Cicyle or Robert le Diable" was performed at Chester in 1529.

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EARLY HISTORICAL AND LITERARY REMAINS.

At a General Meeting of the Camden Society held at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, on Thursday, the 2nd of May, 1850,

The Lord BRAYBROOKE, the President, in the chair,

The President having opened the business of the Meeting,

The Secretary read the Report of the Council agreed upon at their meeting of the 17th of April, whereupon it was

Resolved, That the Report of the Council be received and adopted, and that the Thanks of the Society be given to the Council for their services.

Resolved, That the Thanks of the Meeting be given to the Editors of the Society's publications for the past year, and to the Local Secretaries.

Resolved, That the Thanks of the Meeting be given to the Rev. Edward Ryder, for his kindness in permitting the Society to publish the Original Letters of Queen Elizabeth and King James; and that this expression of their thanks be accompanied by the wish, that he will add to the obligation he has conferred upon the Society, and the service he has already rendered to Historical Literature, by permitting the Council to make a further selection from the valuable historical documents in his possession.

The Secretary then read the Report of the Auditors, agreed upon at their Meeting of the 27th of April, whereupon it was

Resolved, That the said Report be received and adopted, and that the Thanks of the Society be given to the Auditors for their services.

Thanks having been voted to the Treasurer, the Meeting proceeded to the election of a President and Council for the year next ensuing; when,

The Right Hon. Lord Braybrooke, F.S.A.

was elected President; and

John Yonge Akerman, Esq. Sec. S.A.
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William John Thoms, Esq. F.S.A. and
Thomas Wright, Esq. M.A. F.S.A.

were elected as the Council; and

Edward Foss, Esq. F.S.A.
William Richard Drake, Esq. F.S.A. and
Edward Hailstone, Esq. F.S.A.

were elected Auditors of the Society for the ensuing year.

Thanks were then voted to the Secretary, and to the President, for the warm interest always taken by him in the proceedings of the Society, and for his kind and able conduct in the Chair.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS, 1850.

At a Meeting of the Council of the Camden Society held at No. 25, Parliament Street, Westminster, on Wednesday the 8th May, 1850, the Council having proceeded to the Election of Officers,—

Thomas Amyot, Esq. was elected Director; John Payne Collier, Esq. Treasurer; and William J. Thoms, Esq. Secretary, for the Year next ensuing.

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL

OF

THE CAMDEN SOCIETY,

ELECTED 2nd MAY, 1849.

The Council of the Camden Society, elected on the 2nd of May, 1849, while obliged to repeat the admission of their predecessors, that, in common with every other literary society of a similar nature, the Camden has suffered a diminution in its ranks from the operation of public causes, are happy to announce that the same feeling which led to the successful establishment of the Society still exists, and that, although the causes to which allusion has been made have led to a reduction of the Society's annual income, there remains every prospect of its continuing its course of usefulness for many years to come.

Acting upon this conviction, the Treasurer has invested a composition paid during the past year in lieu of future annual payments, by which means the sum standing in the name of the Trustees has been increased from £911 11*s.* to £921 18*s.*

The Council have added to the List of Local Secretaries the name of Major Parkinson, who has consented to undertake that office for Ystrad and South Wales; and, when they remember the number of gentlemen spread over the country who are now interested in historical and archæological studies, they cannot but believe that if Members resident in districts for which Local Secretaries have not yet been appointed could be induced to take upon themselves an office entailing little trouble, but capable of being rendered most serviceable to the Society, no difficulty would be experienced in supplying those vacancies in our ranks which have been produced by the progress of years and the operation of public causes.

The Council have to regret the deaths, during the past year, of—

Arthur Biggs, Esq.
Rev. William Blunt, B.A.
Rev. Thomas Byrth, M.A., F.S.A.
The Very Reverend the Dean of Hereford, F.S.A.
The Rev. John William Hughes, M.A.
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William Wordsworth, Esq.

To this list must be added the names of Mr. J. Stockdale Hardy, F.S.A. for some years the active and efficient Local Secretary for Leicester, and Mr. Thomas Stapleton, late Vice-President of the Society of Antiquaries.

The interest which Mr. Stapleton always displayed in the welfare of the Camden Society, in the formation of which he took an early part, was manifested not only by the punctuality with which he attended the Meetings of the Council, of which he continued a Member until the close of the past year, but by the readiness with which he employed his stores of genealogical knowledge in editing for the Society the Plumpton Correspondence, the Liber de Antiquis Legibus, and the Peterborough Chronicle. He was busily engaged upon the last-mentioned work when seized with the fatal illness which eventually deprived the Society of an accomplished and zealous labourer, and the Council of a most respected and efficient colleague.

The Council have, during the past year, added the following works to the List of those proposed to be published by the Society:—

I. The Trevelyan Papers. A Selection of Family Papers illustrative of Irish History, from A.D. 1595 to the Restoration. To be edited by Sir W. C. Trevelyan, Bart.

II. Privy Purse Expenses of Charles II. and James II. To be edited by J. Y. Akerman, Esq. Sec. S.A.

The books issued during the past year have been—

I. Chronicon Petroburgense. Nunc primum typis mandatum, curante THOMA STAPLETON.

This work, commenced and nearly completed by the late Mr. Stapleton —for the editing of the Chronicle and the Appendix had been fully superintended by him—was rendered available by the exertions of Mr. Bruce, who, when Mr. Stapleton's labours were interrupted, kindly undertook, out of his personal respect to Mr. Stapleton, and his willingness on this as on many other occasions to do anything in his power for the service of the Camden Society, to complete the Introduction and Index.

To the same Gentleman the Society is indebted for editing the second book issued during the past year: viz.—

II. Inedited Letters of Queen Elizabeth, addressed to King James VI. of Scotland between the years 1581 and 1594. From the originals in the possession of the Rev. Edward Ryder of Oaksey, Wilts. Edited by JOHN BRUCE, Esq. Treas. S.A.

A work which has already been recognised as well calculated to throw great light on an eventful period in our national history, and, being chiefly founded upon documents preserved in private hands, it would probably have remained unpublished and unknown but for the existence of the Society, furnishing another instance of the benefit which this Institution has been the means of conferring upon our National Literature. The Meeting will probably think it right to testify their obligations to the Rev. Edward Ryder by a vote of thanks.

III. The Chronicle of Queen Jane, and of Two Years of Queen Mary, and especially of the rebellion of Sir Thomas Wyat, written by a resident in the Tower of London. Edited, with Illustrative Documents and Notes, by JOHN GOUGH NICHOLS, Esq. F.S.A.

This work has been so recently completed that it is at present in the hands of but few of the Members. The Council believe that it will be found a work of great historical interest, and an interesting companion to the volume of Machyn's Diary; and that it has been edited with the same scrupulous care and fidelity for which that work is distinguished.

In closing this Report the Council would remind the Members that the Camden Society was the first to apply the great principle that "union is strength" to the production of works which although of great historical value do not possess sufficient popular interest to justify their publication

in a merely commercial point of view. Its object is the dissemination of sound historical knowledge; and the Council feel that while this object is kept steadily in view and the funds of the Society are carefully administered in the manner best calculated to promote it, the Camden Society will never want the support of all who delight to investigate the social, political, or literary history of our fatherland.

By Order of the Council,

Thomas Amyot, Director.

William J. Thoms, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE AUDITORS,

Dated April 27, 1850.

We, the Auditors appointed to audit the Accounts of the Camden Society, report to the Society, that the Treasurer has exhibited to us an account of the Receipts and Expenditure of the Society, from the 28th of April, 1849, to the 27th of April, 1850, and that we have examined the said accounts, with the vouchers relating thereto, and find the same to be correct and satisfactory.

And we further report that the following is an Abstract of the Receipts and Expenditure during the period we have mentioned.

	£.	s.	d.
Balance of last year's account	121	0	10
Received on account of Members whose Subscriptions were in arrear at the last Audit	86	0	0
The like on account of Subscriptions due 1st May, 1849	596	0	0
By composition received from one Member.....	10	0	0
One year's dividend on £911 11*s.* 0*d.* 3 per Cent. Consols, standing in the names of the Trustees of the Society, deducting property-tax	26	10	10
	£839	11	8

	£.	s.	d.
Paid for the purchase of £10 7*s.* Three per Cent. Consols, invested for the benefit of the Society	10	0	0
Paid for printing and paper of 1,000 copies of "Twysden on the Government of England"	139	6	8
The like for 1,000 copies of "Letters of Elizabeth" ..	112	5	9
The like for 1,250 copies of "Peterborough Chronicle"	143	18	0
Paid for binding 1,000 copies of "Huntingdon Visitation"	38	0	0
The like for 800 copies of "Smith's Obituary"	30	8	0
The like for 800 copies of "Twysden on the Government of England"	33	12	0
The like for 800 copies of "Letters of Elizabeth"	32	0	0
The like for 800 copies of "Peterborough Chronicle" .	30	8	0
The like for 50 copies of "Smith's Obituary," and 50 of "Twysden"	4	0	0
Paid for Transcripts connected with works published or in progress	16	9	3
Paid for delivery and transmission of 800 copies of "Smith's Obituary," "Twysden's Considerations," "Letters of Elizabeth," and "Peterborough Chronicle," with paper for wrappers, &c.....	38	10	10
Paid for Miscellaneous Printing, Lists of Members, Reports, &c.....	16	17	0
One year's payment for keeping Accounts and General Correspondence of the Society	52	10	0
Paid for the expenses of last General Meeting	2	7	0
Paid for postage, carriage of parcels, stationery, and other petty cash expenses	11	17	1
Balance.....	127	2	1
	£839	11	8

And we, the Auditors, further state, that the Treasurer has reported to us, that over and above the present balance of £127 2*s.* 1*d.* there are outstanding various subscriptions of Foreign Members, of Members resident at a distance from London, &c. which the Treasurer sees no reason to doubt will shortly be received.

On consideration of the great inconvenience attached to the present system of closing the annual Account at an indefinite day previous to the General Meeting, and the palpable advantage of adopting the termination of the year as the termination of the annual Account, we beg to recommend that for the future the annual Account shall be closed on the 31st of December in each year, and that a note of the fact shall be added to the Account of 1850, explaining the reason for the apparent diminution of Receipts in that year.

J. Y. Akerman,
Geo. L. Craik,
Edw. Foss,
} Auditors.

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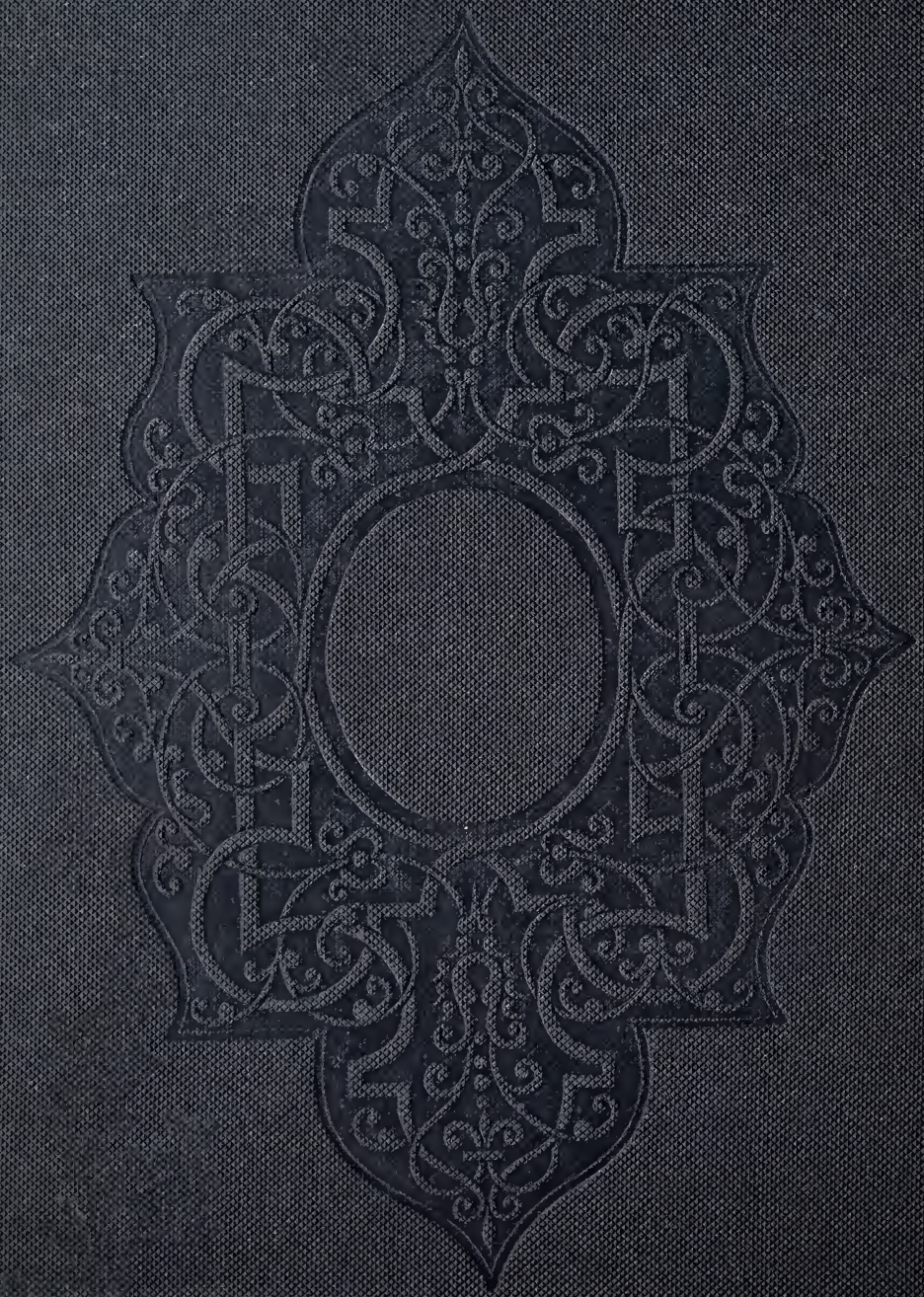
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